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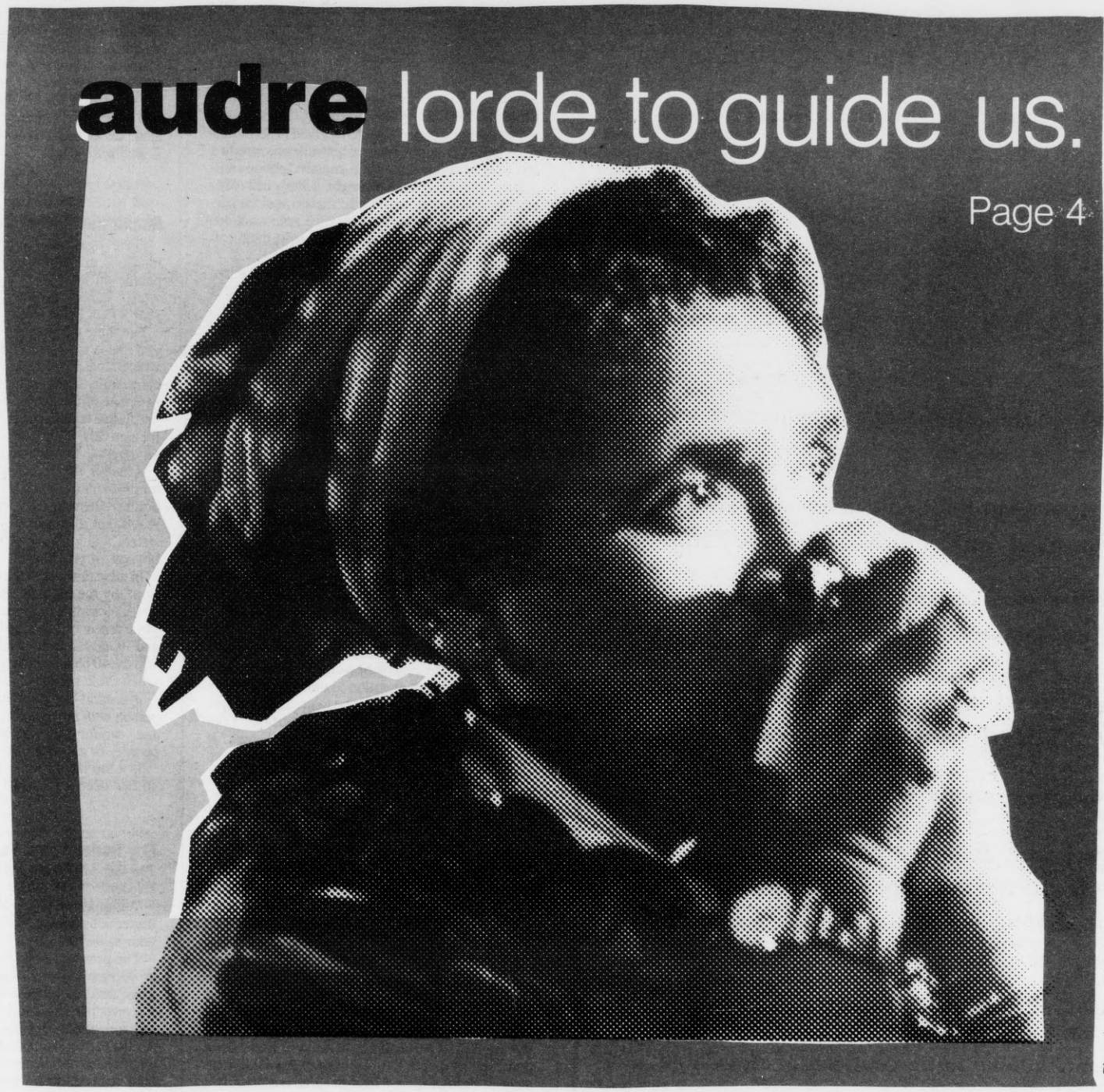

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Issue Is Discrimination

In reference to the letters in the Feb. 11 issue of *SF Bay Times:* Is everyone missing the point?

The issue at hand is not a matter of cheering on the military, it is about ending legalized discrimination against our community. The validity of military service is for each person to decide for her/himself. I personally object to the existence of the military; however, the possibility of deciding to serve has been denied us.

While pacifism is common in the Bay Area, in most of the country the armed forces are a revered institution. By confronting this bigotry, President Clinton is sending a loud, clear message that we *are* an acceptable minority and, hopefully, my relatives in Apache, Okla., will hear it.

Amy Maldonado
San Francisco

Counter Fundie Phone Trees

The Lambda Phone Tree has arrived in San Francisco. This soon-to-be national network of concerned queers is ready to counter the massive phone campaigns of the fundamentalist right. Simply call (415) 648-8020 and get the target information; call the person or company targeted and voice your opinion. Then call three of your friends and have them call the targeted person or company.

Volunteers are needed to proliferate the phone tree out to your community. We recommend you have a second phone line with an answer-only option. It's especially easy to update your tree if you have access to a BBS service (SpeakEasy) or an Internet address (e-mail). To volunteer your services, please write to: Jake Kelley, Lambda Phone Tree, PO Box 460742, SF 94146-0742.

Jake Kelley
San Francisco

Colorado: Just Keep Them Paying... and Paying

I won't take credit for the idea, having read about it in your paper several weeks ago, but would like to stress the ease with which everyone can immediately get involved in the Colorado boycott.

Those little magazine inserts that are paid for by the advertising companies are in nearly every magazine I've picked up lately. About 80 percent of them are addressed to—you guessed it—Colorado. With little effort, they can be pulled from a magazine and the words "Boycott Colorado" or "Amendment 2 = Hatred" can quickly be written across the back and mailed to bring attention to those hatemongers that such legislation will not be tolerated. We must all do our parts in making our voices heard. Take the time to do something to express your anger. If you won't take the time to write letters or make phone calls, here's an easy and very effective way to hit 'em in their wallets.

Name withheld by request
El Cerrito

A Dyke's Experience

An open letter to the Castro community bars:

I am writing this letter from the experience of many dykes. I assume the identity of queer to be an inclusive identity, but my experiences have proven that I am not really a part of the community that thrives within the four blocks of the Castro and beyond. I have repeatedly been treated rudely, been denied drinks, and been blatantly told that I do not belong in many of the gay bars.

Let me recount a few instances from just the last few months. The women's bathroom in the Lone Star proudly displays the symbol of a woman with a slash through it. A friend of mine was denied a drink in the Detour because she was a woman. We were told we were in the wrong place upon entering the Jackhammer, after we "thought" it had turned queer. A friend's race was very rudely announced in an archaic manner at Trax.

There is a definite history of excluding people from both the gay and women's communities. Is the Castro a place for all gays and lesbians when most of the bars cater to white men? Is it a safe place when a swastika is visible from an apartment on 18th and Castro? Is it a place of pride for everyone when the majority of the bartenders are white? No, it is not.

This is inexcusable. Sexism, racism and anti-Semitism cannot be tolerated, especially in a community that should understand oppression. It is the responsibility of the community and the establishments within to be actively inclusive.

Exclusion will be the end to your happy little neighborhood. The lesbian community has stretched its arms into many important aspects of the City, and has reached out to gay men in many ways. It is not too much to ask for a peaceful pool game in your bars.

Jenny Swanson
San Francisco

A Place for Lesbians

We live in a community of thousands of lesbians. It's about time we had a place just for us. Many dykes feel the need for a dyke-identified place where we can hang out and be ourselves.

The women of the Whiptail Lizard Collective are trying to accomplish this. We are envisioning and have begun to create an alternative, drug-, smoke- and alcohol-free center for this very purpose. The participation, enthusiasm and donations of many women in the Bay Area have shown us that there is a demand for an alternative to the bar scene.

We would like to thank all the women who have contributed toward opening a lesbian community center in San Francisco. So far we have raised more than $1,000; we are on our way to meeting our first financial goal of $5,000, which will be used for rent and start-up costs. Whiptail Collective is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

But this is still a big project. We can always use a few good women. If you are interested in learning more about the Whiptail Lizard Lounge, there will be a general interest meeting for all collective members and curious newcomers on Sunday, March 7, at 5 pm. Please call 267-6979 for location.

Whiptail Collective
San Francisco

Recall the "Queer 40"

Once again the homosexual community has managed to shoot itself in the foot by allowing 40 people on the parade committee to substitute the word "queer" for gay to denote the theme of this year's Gay Pride Day.

For these 40 people, I have one question: When you chose the word "queer," didn't you know it would have a strong divisive effect throughout our community? And, if the answer is yes, why didn't someone on the committee step forward with some persuasive common sense, and advise that any theme for our Gay Pride Day must be one that brings us all together in pride and unity?

After all, this is the one day in our country which homosexuals can call their own, indeed, a national holiday. Instead, we are now faced with the real result that a great many of our gay brothers and sisters will stay away from this year's parade—a boycott, if you like!

In these times of "take away their rights by legislation" by the Mabons, Robertsons, Sheldons, Terrys, Coloradans, Tampans, etc., and when we hear government officials such as Dornan, Nunn, Powell and "God Himself" Helms denigrate us in public, will the 40 people on the parade committee feel better when these people call them "queer"?

It is mind-boggling that any homosexual (or any person with any gender preference)—regardless of age—would prefer to be called a "queer by these people, or any one else!

Is it too late to recall the Queer 40? Never have so few been allowed to alienate so many!

Bill Smith
San Francisco

Gay Rodeo? Just Say No!

The following letter was sent to Supervisor Carole Migden:

We appeal to you as the Bay Area's most visible leader of lesbian/gay/bisexual people. We appeal to your sense of justice.

The presence of a gay rodeo in the Bay Area is an outrage to many of us who have spent our lives in the ranks of the lesbian/gay/bisexual and women's movements fighting for freedom and self-determination. The fact that San Francisco, named for the patron saint of animals, was host last year to a gay rodeo not only embarrasses and offends us but heightens our determination not to let such an event happen again.

- Because rodeos, however "humane," often injure farm animals and cause fear, pain and stress to these animals,
- Because every major animal welfare/rights organization, national or local, philosophically opposes rodeos because of their inherent cruelty,
- Because there are alternatives to the celebration of the culture of the West that do not involve the abuse of animals,
- Because we are a community of compassionate people to whom the domination of any group of beings by any other is unconscionable, particularly for purposes of "entertainment,"

We therefore urge you

- To refuse any use of your name, your office or your efforts in the support of the gay rodeo planned for spring, 1993, and
- To use your name, your office and your efforts to convince the Golden State Gay Rodeo Associa-

tion to cancel the rodeo and to find another more productive and humane outlet for their energies.

Feminists Against Rodeo Exploitation
San Francisco

Global Politics 101

Andrew Towne's prattling diatribe ("Knee-Jerk Anti-Americanism," *SF Bay Times,* Feb. 11) in response to my earlier letter ("Somalia—Another View," *SF Bay Times,* Jan. 28) does an outstanding job of not only validating several points raised in my Jan. 28 letter but also of confirming the existence of a cavernous gulf between queer people of color and gay white males within the "community."

I will try, once again, to widen the pigeonholed vision of yet another global politics neophyte. First, as a member of the family of people of color and *not* a birth citizen of this country with its purported democratic government, I am not a liberal nor a leftist; nor am I concerned with domestic affairs—i.e., local gay politics. Since we people of color far outnumber European racial groups, and since the days of colonialism, serfdom and slavery are essentially over, we people of color who now have the responsibility to define for European descendants who and what we are about. To that end, I am of mixed African/Asian descent and a staunch people-of-color globalist. No more, no less. And, in that capacity, I am highly concerned with any events which I feel have violated the human rights of my brothers and sisters of color.

Hence, my letter regarding the invasion of Somalia was to let you all know in no uncertain terms that we Africans will not tolerate this kind of cloaked, benevolent, neo-colonial despotism in 1993. Deal with it, Towne, and ask your privileged, invisible brothers who hobnob with your hetero brothers in the military, the State Department, ad nauseam, if Red Sea/Gulf of Aden access to the Persian Gulf and all that Arab oil necessitated a gesture of humanity to my Somali sisters and brothers (who have been in famine conditions for well over two years).

Also, ask them why your government would be so concerned about 2,000-odd MIAs from Vietnam and not about the hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese MIAs; the countless handicapped Vietnamese; or the environmental destruction caused by the use of Agent Orange throughout Southeast Asia.

And while my brother Hussein might be responsible for blowing up oil rigs in the sheikdom of Kuwait, who is responsible for instituting a program to divide and rule in the region? Oh, and while you're at it, find out about my comrades left homeless, killed when your military extracted "Your Man in Panama."

Also, one final homework assignment in Global Politics 101: Your President Clinton spoke erroneously about the U.S. being the only superpower. I figure as long as my brothers, the Chinese, the Indians, the Pakistanis and the North Koreans, have nuclear capabilities, we all have superpower potential. Don't you agree? So write a letter to your president correcting him on his global ignorance.

In the final analysis, Towne, nobody really cares about gays in the military machine except gay white males (for the most part). Although there are lesbian and bisexual women in the armed services, their power potential is at best negligible.

Besides, everyone on this planet knows that white males (of whatever sexual persuasion) are solely responsible for the destruction and misery suffered by people of color and women of all colors on the globe; and that your (gay white male) upfront presence within the machine changes nothing. You gay white males, just like your hetero brothers, will still create anguish and devastation when and wherever you deem necessary, sexuality be damned!

I suggest you go back to the Jan. 28 issue of the *SF Bay Times* and read my brother Thom Bean's column, and also the letter by my hermano, Jorge I. Cortinas, which appeared in the Feb. 11 issue. Jorge's suggestion that only white males be allowed to serve in the armed forces is interesting and I would propose that it be taken a bit further. I think all white males 21 and over should *exclusively* compose the armed services. That way, with the phantom Cold War gone, you boys could expend all that energy fighting the het-homo issue among yourselves. Obviously, this is a good solution since it always seems that *your* hetero brothers are always coming into your community to bash your heads. I have yet to see this happen to any of my colleagues of color or any women who serve within the military machine, so what gives?

Finally, Towne, on the issue you raised about respect and self-respect among people of color within and without their various groups, I can only say that, (1) we have learned the lessons your missionaries of civilization have taught us well; (2) unlearning bad things is a slow and painful process; and (3) our internal squabbles are primarily class-related (you know how you boys like to elevate a few so-called spokespeople for our individual groups and pit the upper-class against the burgeoning poverty class). Of course, what those hand-picked few sometimes fail to realize is that they are going to be eradicated along with the rest of the destroyers who suppress the majority. That's a natural cleansing process and part of my job as a correctionalist.

Study hard and make sure you do your homework. One never knows when and where the pop quiz will cometh, but cometh it will.

Kwezi Sembe
Berkeley

Just Kidding

When I wrote that letter ("Gays in the Military? Never!" *SF Bay Times,* Feb. 11), I was being facetious. How on earth anyone in their right mind possibly could have supposed otherwise is totally beyond me. I am simply flabbergasted! The tone of that whole letter was, from beginning to end, sardonic in the extreme! Every sentence was just *dripping* with sarcasm.

I had wanted to poke fun at the ridiculous bigotry of people like our dear friend Jesse Helms by underscoring the ludicrousness of their reasoning (if one can even call it reasoning), and I chose my venue—parody!

For those good people who did not get it first time around, let me make myself perfectly clear: The ban on gays in the military is stupid and unconstitutional and wrong.

There! Is that plain enough (simple enough)?

Now, please stop with the unpleasant, anonymous phone calls, OK? Thank you.

Leon Duych
San Francisco

To a Timid Soul

I received the following e-mail from a gay coworker after I suggested office staffers call Sen. Sam Nunn (202/224-3521) and make their support known for lifting the gay ban in the military. The second e-mail is my response to this timid soul (whose name I have omitted). He also thought a Bush victory over Clinton was pre-ordained in the stars as divined by Nostradamus, and therefore wouldn't lift a finger during the campaign (sigh).

To: Gary
Re: Gays in the military

Sometimes I really think what people want is a good fight. What I think is truly necessary is to soft-sell middle America on gayness. They have a horror of what they are unfamiliar with. Give them the facts of what it's like—i.e., sitcom characters, exposes of real gay life.

I know you feel strongly about this, but Washington is a reflection of many American people and those fat, white-haired ones in Topeka need to get it in a palatable way. Otherwise they are not gonna swallow.

The attack approach is a good expression of angry feelings but militantism is not effective. A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine....

To: Timid Soul
Re: Soft-Sell

We've been soft-selling gay rights to fat, white-haired Topekans for over 20 years now and they just don't want to buy. There's no way to spoon sugar to someone who's kicking your head in with his hobnailed boots. There's no rational basis to their hatred; it arises from their own fears, failures and insecurities and is projected onto us. Needing someone to hate, they *choose* to remain unfamiliar with us and to keep us at a distance. Dispelling bigotry finally comes down to seizing so many public institutions that the bigots have no foundation or authority to stand on. Soon after their psuedo-social rationales wither, their political support collapses, and they retreat into the woodwork (e.g., post-Harvey Milk San Francisco).

The military serves as a national mixer for the men and women who serve in it. In the military they look around themselves, see soldiers of all different races, religions, backgrounds, and say to themselves, "Oh, these are all Americans as well." Acceptance and camaraderie follow. But as it stands now, not only do they look around and *not* see open gays, they are *actively taught* to see gays as the despised other (i.e., *not* good Americans) by their commanders. They are encouraged, as a homophobic Navy veteran put it, "to think of themselves united in their virility."

Military service equals respectability in the public mind. As gays are accepted in the military, other institutional barriers will go down like a row of dominoes. Our bigoted opponents know this and that is why they're fighting so hard. They're not worried about gays' impact on the military mission, but rather the military's impact on the visibility and status of gays.

The change is coming. Our team won the election; we call the shots. As Lyndon B. Johnson said, "When you've got them by the balls, their hearts and minds will follow."

Your readers can also write Sen. Nunn, United States Senate, SD-303, Washington, DC 20510. Tell him we will accept no recruiting queries, no restrictions on combat or sea duty, no segregation of any sort whatsoever on the basis of sexual orientation status, or he can forget ever being nominated for president by the Democratic Party.

Gary Pierce
San Francisco

Have You Ever Wondered, Sam?

The following letter was sent to Sen. Sam Nunn:

Have you ever wondered, Sam? Have you ever looked back at some critical turning point in our history and wondered why there was so much opposition to some change which, in retrospect, seems so basic and decent and right? Have you ever looked at those people, Sam, who so fiercely and bitterly resisted the change, and wondered why?

Have you ever wondered about the antebellum fire-eaters who used the Bible to preach the moral rightness of slavery? Have you ever wondered about those businessmen at the turn of the century who opposed laws prohibiting the 60-hour work week for children under the age of 14? Have you ever wondered about all those people in the '30s who predicted socialism for this country if Congress enacted Social Security legislation?

Have you ever wondered, Sam, about all those people, North and South, who opposed allowing Negroes to serve in the military in World War II? About those people, and their children, who bitterly and defiantly resisted the right of "colored people" to share a lunch counter with them at Woolworth's, or their right to vote? Recently, have you wondered about the well-meaning people who warned about the end of our civilization if women were permitted to serve in the armed forces?

Have you ever wondered about those people, Sam? In retrospect, their sound and fury, their warnings and predictions, seem rather silly and off the mark, don't they? After all is said and done, our world, our humanity, is better because of these changes. Is it not? Are we not?

Looking back, Sam, and wondering about all this fuss over homosexuals serving in the military, I hope that you have a good and fine and honest and decent sense of humor (and wonder) about yourself.

Bill and Cynthia Tilden
Oakland

No Kind Words for Colin

The following letter was sent to Gen. Colin Powell:

The news that you are seeking early departure from your Joint Chiefs of Staff position brings joy to my heart. As far as we in the gay community are concerned, your retirement could not have come soon enough. Your cowardice and lack of sensitivity pertaining to President Clinton's efforts to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military only serves to fuel the hatred and to support the bashings we continue to experience—i.e., the recent gay-bashing by your (homophobic) Marines of a gay bar patron. It took three of them to pummel him; now that's tough —"The Few, the Proud, the Fag-Bashers."

The fact that you are a Black man should have given you the insight into the struggles that African Americans witnessed in the '40s in their quest for equality in the military. Discrimination has no place in our society. Lack of education and intolerance needs to be addressed from the top down—and that means you! We pay a lot of money in taxes, and that includes your salary. Right or wrong, our tax money feeds the U.S. military and its policies.

As a gay man in the closet I served in the U.S. Air Force in 1970. It's time that we obtain fair and equal representation for the way in which our tax dollars are spent. You see, we're not asking for special privileges, just equality and safety from discrimination—something the right wing just can't seem to get a grip on.

In closing, I have no kind words for your hypocrisy on this issue—nor for your supporters! I can only hope that your replacement has a better grasp on society and a foot in the '90s. I trust I'll receive one of your standard (impersonal) form letters on this, showing your lack of leadership.

Tim Caldwell
El Cerrito

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Audre Lorde To Guide Us

by Val C. Phoenix

...When we speak we are afraid
our words will not be heard
nor welcomed
but when we are silent
we are still afraid.

So it is better to speak
remembering
we were never meant to survive.
—Audre Lorde, from "Litany of Survival"

The fact is blatant heterosexuals are all over the place: in the supermarkets, at work, in church, all over the television, even in gay bars. And they want gay men and women to go hide in the closet. So, to you straight folks, I say, "Sure, I'll go if you'll go, too, but I'm polite, so, after you."
—Pat Parker, from "For Straight Folks Who Don't Mind Gays but Wish They Weren't So Blatant"

The words of Audre Lorde and Pat Parker came alive on Feb. 20 when their many sisters (and brothers) came to honor their memories and celebrate their lives in a program called "We Are Your Sisters: A Celebration of the Life and Works of Audre Lorde," at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland.

Lorde, whose birthday on Feb. 18 served as the inspiration for the tribute, died last Nov. 17 of breast cancer, a passing that echoed that of Parker, who died on June 17, 1989. The lineup of performers and speakers was a testament to the respect they invoked. June Jordan, Chrystos, Blackberri, Rhiannon, Chea Villanueva, India Cooke and Ronnie Gilbert were among those who made appearances.

"When Audre died, for many people it brought up Pat's death again," says Andrea Canaan, a writer and close friend of Lorde's who helped dedicate the program. "In celebrating Audre, we want to celebrate Pat, and in celebrating Pat, we want to celebrate Audre, 'cause they are sisters and we are their sisters."

The spirit of the two pervaded the evening, as friends and admirers lauded their examples and quoted their works. Lorde chose to name herself a "Black, Feminist, Lesbian, mother, warrior, woman, lover, poet," and Parker might be identified in similar fashion. Both are described by friends as "fierce," "strong" and "audacious." Alas, these friends shared one final uniting struggle: a losing battle with breast cancer.

Wendy Cadden, friend to both, drew an analogy with rocks. Lorde, she said, liked rocks, and Parker, being hard-headed, could identify with rocks. "Audre was presumptuous and audacious," she said. "It was one of the things that we all gained a lot of strength from."

"They were both very fierce women," says Canaan, who met Parker through Lorde. "They argued and fought and read each other's work. They were wonderful. They were a trip. I just stayed out of the cross-fire." Cadden believes Lorde saw something in Parker that mirrored her own struggles. "At one time, both were involved in interracial relationships, and both were early feminists, feeling that the roots of feminism needed to connect with the roots of radicalism. They shared a vision of the integration, in the large sense, of many movements."

Parker, born Jan. 20, 1944, was originally from Houston but became a fixture in the Bay Area, living out her final days in the Pleasant Hill house she shared with her partner Marty Dunham and their child, Anastasia, one of two children she adopted.

Redwood Records artist Melanie Demore sang at the memorial.

A table of fruits and flowers was offered and everyone was invited to take something home with them. Photos by Jane Philomen Cleland

Haley, a friend of Parker's who produced part of the tribute, recalls the poet as an avid sports fan and ace softball pitcher. "I've never seen a woman put an arc on the ball like Pat Parker did," she says, still awed by the memory.

Haley called Parker "the poetic lawyer," a reference to her way of arguing in her poems, which often make reference to injustices, such as domestic violence and racism. Long before they met, says Haley, she was influenced by one of Parker's poems. She heard "For Straight Folks..." on record while she was having a rough coming-out experience in college. "It was that poem that I held onto and kept me together so I didn't fall apart," she says, noting, "I haven't even been able to play the poem since she died."

Dunham, who was with Parker for nine years up to the poet's death, feels that Parker was driven by internal demons. "The thing that disturbs me somewhat is that in spite of being internationally and nationally recognized as a spokesperson for lesbians and women of color everywhere, she was kind of haunted by internalized oppression—she carried an incredible amount of pain inside herself all the time. I think it's probably true [that] any great leader is outwardly so powerful and strong, yet haunted. Maybe it's that pain and internalized oppression that helps them speak so powerfully."

Certainly Lorde's life was dedicated to speaking powerfully. Born in Harlem in 1934, she traveled the world, before settling on St. Croix with her partner, Gloria Joseph. Friends recall first meetings with Lorde vividly. Cadden remembers thinking that Lorde "moved a little too fast. She was on New York time." Canaan met Lorde, 17 years her senior, in 1980. "There was something about our meeting that was just perfect," she recalls, noting Lorde offered her support in her relationship. "She was my girlfriend and I adore her," says Canaan with obvious affection.

Canaan particularly admires Lorde's penchant for self-scrutiny. "What Audre did was to take it inside and ask the hard questions and really be the agent of change in herself, and in her writing and in her life. She was fiercely powerful in confronting herself," she says.

BLACKNESS/CREATIVITY/QUEERNESS

The voices and faces of the women themselves were brought back in a video shot at Stanford in 1988 of a joint reading by the two writers. In it, Parker recalls her first meeting with Lorde around 1969. "Who *is* this bitch?" she asks, amazed at Lorde's audacity in rearranging her life.

Parker's revised view is encapsulated in her poem "For Audre," enumerating the bonds between them: "...our blackness, our creativity, our queerness. I promise only to love you and call you sister."

Canaan found the video of Lorde hard to watch. "Seeing her and Pat up onscreen, I still go back to not believing that they're gone." Haley had to stifle her emotions at seeing Parker's image. "I think Audre and Pat were there with us. I think everybody felt their spirit. I walked in for two minutes during the video when Pat was on, and I had to leave."

The evening had a spiritual feel, not the least because it was held in a church. The first part was presented as a welcoming, with a dedication, dancing, food, and two places of reverence. Photos of Parker and Lorde lined the walls. Everyone attending was invited to take something away from the altar. At the shrine set with candles, offerings were made by the attendees.

Lorde, raised Catholic, had an early fascination with organized religion, evident in her poem, "The Call," which evokes the Trinity, which she compared with the "mysterious," "dangerous," "unseen" properties assigned to women. "I am a Black woman stripped down and playing. My whole life has been an altar worth praying," she wrote.

The celebration, played out in front of an audience seated in pews, offered performers opportunities to make their own testimonials. "I learned a lot from both of them," said Blackberri, who was a close friend of Parker's and met Lorde through her. He recalls a special trait of Lorde's. "She could remember everybody's name. That blew me away. There's something really special about meeting people and having someone remember you. I liked that about her."

Among the songs Blackberri sang was "Love, You Are My Everything," a favorite of Parker's which he dedicated to her. "She was like a sister to me. I miss her kicking my butt when I mess up," he says. "She used to say to me, 'Are you losing your mind?' " He laughs. "She was a woman who loved living."

In fact, of course both Lorde and Parker were laid low by an unforgiving disease: breast cancer that metastasized. The evening was dedicated to cancer survivors, and one of the benefit's recipients was the Women's Cancer Resource Center. The heavy toll cancer has exacted on the lesbian community was apparent in the program: both June Jordan and announced speaker Merle Woo have been diagnosed with it.

Though Lorde was diagnosed some eight years

before Parker, the former outlived the latter by three-and-a-half years, a disparity the organizers attributed to greater resources of information and finances. Lorde had several non-AMA-approved treatments in Berlin, whereas Parker relied on standard Western medicine for the most part. Dunham attributes her partner's quicker death to Parker's internalized oppression. Parker never had a mammogram before she was diagnosed. The late diagnosis, coupled with damage to her liver by heavy drinking, Dunham believes, accounted for the greatly reduced time Parker had relative to Lorde. "It underscores how critical it is to do [a mammogram]. It shows the deep levels of resistance and avoidance women go through."

REFUSING SILENCE

Jordan, who was greeted with raucous applause and a partial standing ovation when she spoke, addressed her own tribute to Lorde, noting the intersections of their lives and acknowledging her own diagnosis with cancer. "I must fight the same struggle. Here is my love that I place in your capable hands until we meet again face to face."

Chrystos addressed the theme of death with a poem she'd written for Parker that was one of Lorde's favorites. "Death takes you from my eyes...but not my heart where you murmur in odd moments..."

Canaan feels Parker and Lorde, mothers both, were driven to improve the future for their children. Parker's words seem to bear this out: "Each generation improves the world for the next. I give you a world incomplete, womanchild." Cadden says, "They had beautiful children and children who would embrace many of the struggles they had in their lifetimes. It was a challenge to them to really articulate a better vision for the world."

Cadden says, "Both of them refused to be silent. They felt it was very important that we all speak from our strongest voices—that we use our voice and power well." Lorde's dedication in *A Burst of Light* is "to that piece of each of us which refuses to be silent."

Haley feels ambivalent regarding Parker's legacy. "She didn't get the recognition she deserved when she was alive. Now that she's gone, all this recognition is coming forth, and that makes me angry." Parker's poem, "Brother," was quoted last season on *A Different World*. Says Haley, "I cried when that happened. She wasn't there to see that."

During their performance, India Cooke and Angela Wellman expressed anger at the neglect that befalls cultural figures until they are dead. Said Cooke, "I wish that we wouldn't wait so long until we give our support to artists who give so much to the quality of life."

Proceeds from the celebration were to go to organizations Lorde supported, including WCRC, the Astraea/Audre Lorde Memorial, and the group Lorde co-founded, Sisters in Support of South Africa.

Cadden says, "In a sense, both Audre and Pat have become a part of our sense of the rainbow serpent, all the ancient divinities who've gone before and whose names and faces have been lost."

Dunham hopes Parker's memory doesn't get lost in a nameless pile. "It's rather scary to me to meet young lesbians who are not aware of her work. It's very important that she not be forgotten. I would love to figure out ways to get her work used as literature in colleges."

"For each person that knew these women, they left personal things. For people who never met them, it would probably be their writings," says Blackberri. "There's no way you could meet them and not be touched by them: the way they carried themselves, their intelligence, their beauty, everything. You could not come away with nothing from the experience of them."

Creating an impromptu anthem, Melanie DeMore sang an improvised song, with a signature lyric: "We are your sisters and brothers, and we the people will remember your song."

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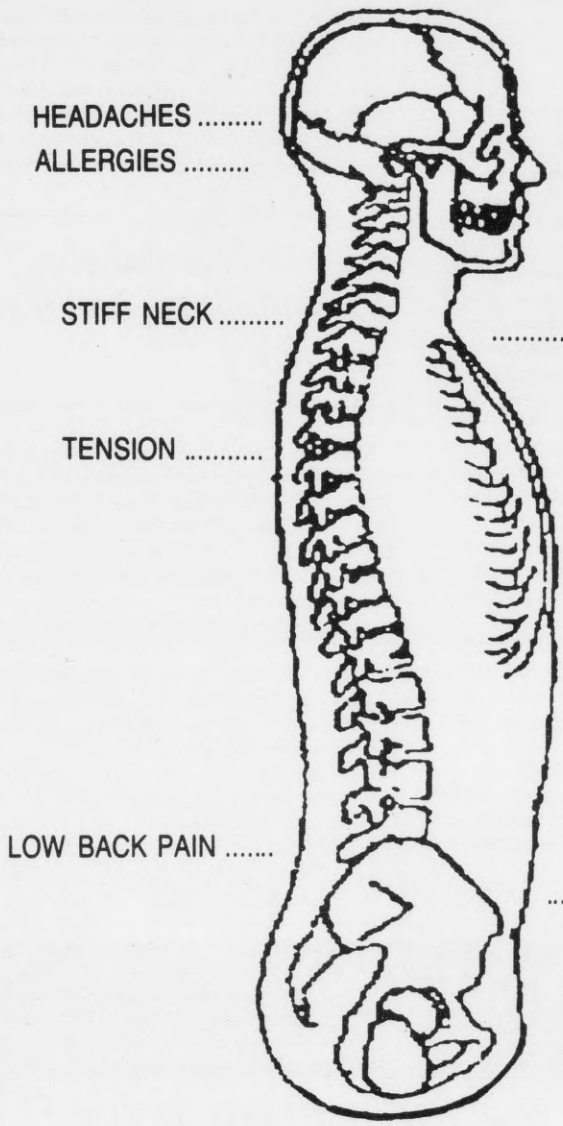

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Misuse of City Funds Alleged at Shanti

Ex-Employee Calls on State Attorney General To Investigate

by Tim Kingston

The former housing director of Shanti Project is leveling charges of fiscal mismanagement. Ellen Hardtke, who resigned Oct. 9, 1992, alleges that Shanti diverted between $100,000 to $250,000 of AIDS housing-service contracts last year to pay for the administrative needs of the Shanti Housing Department and other programs in the agency, rather than direct client services. Hardtke further suggests misfeasance, alleging that Shanti billed the Department of Public Health (DPH) for grant money to pay rent on closed-down PWA resident homes.

In addition, Hardtke and other sources suggest that Shanti Project may have been "commingling" funds, rather than keeping separate accounting records for federal and city contracts. Hardtke says, "They are doing it so they can have money to do other administrative-type things. That is my concern, that money is not going to direct services."

Hardtke contends her resignation was a result of her concerns not being addressed. But two high-placed sources at Shanti who refused to be identified allege that Hardtke's resignation had less to do with concern over fiscal practices at Shanti than with dissatisfaction by Hardtke over being passed up for promotion to the new housing coordinator's position. One of the sources, however, does back many of Hardtke's allegations of fiscal mismanagement.

Hardtke denies that being passed up for promotion is the motivation for her actions.

Shanti Project's Eric Rofes. Photo by Rink

On Dec. 30, 1992, two months after she resigned, Hardtke contacted the San Francisco Department of Public Health with a memo outlining her concerns about a possible misuse of city funds. Then on Feb. 10, she sent a letter to state Attorney General Dan Lundgren requesting that "Shanti Project be investigated for possible fraud and fiscal mismanagement of city, state and federal funds."

> *"There is definitely something up, and it is not minor."*

Meanwhile, what began as a routine annual audit of Shanti by the San Francisco DPH AIDS Office, has turned into something more, says one source with close ties to both Shanti and the DPH. The source says, "Out of that routine audit, some irregularities were noted, which warranted further investigation."

"There is definitely something up, and it is not minor," says the source, who adds, "I have been told the AIDS office has done a separate audit." This source alleges that DPH officials may actually be looking at mismanagement of city funds involving between $1-$1.4 million.

Dr. Mitch Katz, director of the DPH AIDS Office, denies that the audit is anything but routine. He also denies that there is any special investigation of the alleged commingling of funds at Shanti. Asked if there had been any misuse of federal Ryan White Act or AIDS Office funding, Dr. Katz says, "That is exactly the issue that every annual evaluation has to look at.... The purpose of an audit is to make sure that money allocated to an agency is spent according to the contract. We are investigating all of our agencies on an annual basis."

When pressed about allegations of mismanagement, Dr. Katz acknowledged he was familiar with the charges, only because he has received "multiple calls from newspapers" telling him about "multiple claims like these." All calls by *SF Bay Times* to other DPH officials responsible for monitoring Shanti's housing contracts were referred back to Dr. Katz.

Mike Van Winkle, information officer for the California attorney general's office, confirms receiving Hardtke's letter on Feb. 17. He says Hardtke's letter has been forwarded to the charitable trusts division of the attorney general's office, but no further action has yet been taken.

MISGUIDED ALLEGATIONS

Eric Rofes, executive director of Shanti Project, rejects charges that Shanti has diverted federal and city direct-service funding to pay for the agency's administrative costs, noting that a DPH funding rule only allows 9 percent of its grants to go to administrative overhead. Rofes also denies any commingling of funds, saying that Shanti now has separate accounting procedures for each city contract.

When confronted with allegations that between $100,000 to $1 million of funding may have been mismanaged, Rofes replies, "We are just going through the annual audit.... We expect the results of the audit to be available in six weeks, and that will answer all the questions." Rofes also stated that he is aware of Hardtke's letter to the attorney general due to newspaper reports, but he stressed that "no government agency has called us to ask about the letter."

Rofes believes that the allegations of mismanagement are based partly on a misunderstanding of how the City's contract process operates, and partly on real difficulties that Shanti Project has had in adjusting to new contract procedures put in place by the DPH last year.

According to Rofes, Shanti Project has gone from having a single multimillion-dollar contract with the City to having 16 separate contracts—each of which has to be separately monitored. Until recently, Shanti's financial systems were incapable of tracking several different contracts at once. Consequently, the agency was unable to say with certainty what portion of what contract was funding each service.

"In trying to handle the new contracts, one of the things that was not done till last year was the upgrading of our fiscal systems," says Rofes. "During the past six months, in partnership with the AIDS Office, we have upgraded our financial systems...to comply with the new requirements on invoice procedure." Rofes adds that Shanti is now in the final stages of complying with the new regulations.

The allegations of misspent and misallocated funds are incorrect, says Rofes. But critics charge that Shanti is billing the City for nonexistent services. Rofes argues that it is a widely used accounting procedure to reallocate direct-service resources to pay for real, rather than projected, expenditures. When a new contract is established, projections are made estimating where money will be spent. But "sometimes you spend more on electric light bulbs, and sometimes less on toilet paper than projected," says Rofes.

Because projected contract costs and actual expenditures rarely match exactly, Rofes says Shanti and other agencies with city contracts get together with the AIDS Office at the end of each fiscal year to do what is called a "budget reconciliation." He says it is during those negotiations that actual expenditures and projected expenditures are balanced out. While the total amount of money in the contract remains the same, "the categories jumble up a bit," says Rofes, who adds, "I believe the audit will say so."

SERVICES NOT RENDERED?

Ellen Hardtke believes there is more to the situation than a simple jumbling up of categories. She argues that Shanti was either billing the City for services that were not provided, or misdirecting contracts to pay for administrative services instead of direct services. Hardtke detailed her concerns in two memos: One was written to Melinda Paras, deputy director of Shanti, on Sept. 18, 1992; the other memo was sent to Kandyce Collins, the DPH AIDS Office housing-contract monitor, after Hardtke left Shanti.

In the memo to DPH via Collins, Hardtke asserted that Shanti was using the HIV Housing Network rent allocation of $71,870 to pay the rent for the entire Shanti Housing Department at 1540 Market St. According to Hardtke, only a portion of the rent for the Shanti Housing Department should have been paid for by the HIV Housing Network grant.

Hardtke also alleges in the DPH AIDS Office memo that Shanti was inappropriately billing for rent on family house #13 between November 1991 and August 1992, when the house was closed down. In addition, Hardtke asserts that Shan-

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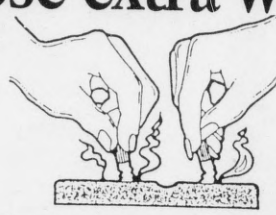
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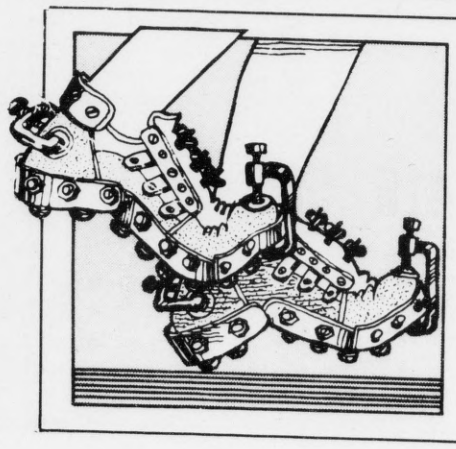
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Angela Davis Lights Sparks at Nat'l Black Gay/Lesbian Conf.

by Bruce Mirken

Teacher, scholar and famed progressive activist Angela Davis brought the audience at the 6th Annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference to its feet on Feb. 13, with a rousing, eloquent and dryly witty keynote address in which she drew connections between racism, sexism and homophobia, challenged the crowd to work toward not only ending anti-gay discrimination in the military, but toward ending the military altogether.

Later, in a lengthy and sometimes tense exchange with reporters, Davis—who for years had been widely rumored to be a lesbian but who had never made a public statement regarding her sexuality—made what she termed "something of a coming-out statement."

The conference, sponsored by the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, was held Feb. 11-15 in Long Beach, Calif.

"We do have cause for celebration," said Davis, 49, who first came to prominence when she was fired from the faculty of the philosophy department at UCLA in 1969 because of her membership in the Communist Party. She cited the end of the Reagan-Bush era and the recent endorsement by the Congressional Black Caucus of the effort to end the military's anti-gay policies as signs of progress. But, she added, "The kind of celebration we need to engage in should not disengage us from the struggle.... The battle itself is far more complex than anything we have as yet attempted in the history of social movements in the United States of America."

Davis blasted the media for portraying the struggle against the military ban as a white issue, not connected with racism or sexism. "Why has the media spread a shroud of amnesia over the case of Sgt. Perry Watkins?" Davis asked to loud applause. Citing the Tailhook scandal, she called the armed forces "a breeding ground for rape and sexual harassment directed toward women and gay men. But suddenly all the recent revelations about the extent to which women are treated as objects of straight male sexual desire and violence begin to pale in comparison with the fears voiced by heterosexual men that gay men will intrude on their privacy! It's ridiculous!"

Davis drew some of the loudest cheers of the day when she added, "This is the post-Cold War era. We ought to be thinking about ways of dismantling the military."

In keeping with the conference's theme of "Building Bridges, Making Connections," she challenged the audience to find ways of breaking down barriers between and within racial, ethnic and cultural groups. "Isn't it about time we think about a national strategy to expose and challenge homophobia in African-American communities?" Davis asked. "The challenge of homophobia needs to be linked to the challenge to misogyny within the Black community," she continued. "Who are the most rabid homophobes? Sexist men and women who buy into that sexism."

Plunging into potentially difficult territory in racially tense Los Angeles, Davis called on her fellow African Americans to put aside their own racial prejudices. "The anti-Korean sentiment that prevails in the Black community is a scandal," she declared. "What we're doing is objectifying the Korean community in the same way we used to be objectified... We must think about how to construct those bridges and make those connections, because if we don't we will not make it into the 21st century."

One connection Davis apparently did not intend to make was a clear statement about her own sexual orientation. At a press conference later that morning in which Davis, along with several other conference participants, said she wanted to "add my voice" to those denouncing the military ban on gays and lesbians, reporter Karen Ocamb asked the activist if she was "adding her voice" to the effort "as a lesbian."

Davis, looking a bit taken aback by the question, at first avoided a direct answer. "I have been involved for a number of years in movements around gay and lesbian rights," she replied. "And my political position is informed not only by my own personal life but by... many, many decades of political activism." When challenged by another reporter for not giving a direct answer, Davis bristled, saying the questions about her sexuality were distracting from the real issue at hand, the military.

In a more informal give-and-take after the news conference ended, Davis opened up a bit. "I think I made something of a coming-out statement today," she noted, "when I talked about the extent to which my personal life, my emotional involvement with women, has been one of the factors that brought me to this moment... I think I have the right to decide the process of that coming out, who I want to say it to. It would be different if I was totally in the closet and refused to make any statement in support of the campaign for gay and lesbian rights—and some progressive people have done that."

If Davis' coming out was reluctant and unplanned, Rev. Jenene Macklin's was the exact opposite. Macklin, currently active in the U.S. naval reserves, provided a dramatic moment by coming out in front of the assembled media representatives. "I am the person that you are talking about," she declared. "I am the lesbian in the military. The ban is an illusion."

Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum co-chair Phill Wilson pointedly addressed those in the straight African-American community who have denied that the battle against anti-gay discrimination in the military is comparable to the Black civil rights struggle. "The issue of ending discrimination in the military is absolutely an African-American concern," he declared. "When you look at the demographics of the U.S. military, when you look at the venues of opportunity available to African-American people, the issue of discrimination in the military is an issue that impacts us dramatically."

Dr. Marjorie Hill, director of the New York City Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community, added, "When my African-American straight sisters and brothers say to me, 'Well, you know, sexual orientation is not quite the same [as civil rights],' I remind them that Bayard Rustin and Langston Hughes and many, many lesbians and gay men who did not feel that they could be out built the civil rights movement."

Other conference highlights included a day-long AIDS Institute, featuring presentations by representatives of many national AIDS organizations, and a variety of workshops, discussions and video presentations. With over 800 registered participants, the gathering was the largest national Black lesbian and gay conference yet.

Overall the tone was one of cautious but overwhelming hope. Opening the AIDS Institute, National Minority AIDS Council Executive Director Paul Kawata spoke in awed and emotional tones about the change of mood in Washington since the inauguration of the Clinton administration. "We met with members of the transition team," he recalled, "and they said to us, 'You don't understand. You don't have to beg anymore. We won.' It was the most profound experience I've had in all the years I've been fighting this epidemic."

While no one had any illusions that the struggle is over, almost everyone seemed to share the sense that at long last there was a serious chance for real progress. Phill Wilson summed up the mood in his welcoming remarks: "Now is the time," he said, "to come forward and claim our rightful place as builders and doers in American society... In the words of Martin Luther King, 'If the inexpressible cruelty of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we face today will surely fail.' "

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SFPD Spying Operation Against Rodney King Protesters Revealed

by Tim Kingston

According to documents obtained by the ACLU on Feb. 3, San Francisco Police Inspector Thomas Gerard initiated police surveillance of activist groups and individuals involved in organizing protests against the Rodney King verdict last May. In a document dated May 5, 1992, approved by then-police chief Richard Hongisto, Gerard requested a "preliminary investigation" aimed at the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). Documents obtained by the ACLU indicate that investigation was later expanded to include surveillance of several activists involved with Roots Against War (RAW), the group responsible for organizing many of the protests against the Rodney King verdict.

Meanwhile, Rachel Lederman, an attorney with the National Lawyers' Guild, is representing over 30 progressive groups in an attempt "to obtain the whole body of materials that was seized in the search warrant executed in the Tom Gerard investigation." Lederman says the groups include ACT UP/SF, Queer Nation, RAW, Prairie Fire, CISPES and the New Jewish Agenda, among others. She says those groups "are very interested to know which of their legal political organizing activities the police have been spying on."

The papers obtained by the ACLU on Feb. 3 include a request for undercover surveillance on RAW and the RCP from SFPD Captain John Willett, commander of the intelligence division, again approved by ex-chief Hongisto. Other documents obtained include surveillance reports on RAW, RCP and John Brown Anti-Klan committee members, copies of leaflets calling for protests against the Rodney King verdict and notes on protesters taken by mayoral aide John Cuerva that were given to SFPD. Those documents also contain descriptions of, and excerpts from, speeches made by RAW members at the May 8 rally in Dolores Park, just prior to the infamous mass arrests near Duboce Park ordered by Hongisto.

Inspector Gerard's name should sound alarm bells. He is the SFPD officer who fled to the Philippines after his private intelligence network aimed at Arab-Americans, right-wing extremists and anti-apartheid activists was exposed earlier this year. Gerard is a man of many talents who, according to newspaper reports, took a leave of absence from the SFPD in the mid-1980s to do a stint with the CIA in El Salvador. He is now under investigation for allegedly sharing those files with the Israeli and South African intelligence services, a charge he denied in an *SF Examiner* interview.

> *"Intelligence abuse in this town clearly goes back 60 years."*

Prior to the granting of the ACLU's request for information on the police investigation into the Rodney King protests, there had been no indication that Gerard was involved in other surveillance operations against politically active groups.

In another twist to the case, a Feb. 11 court hearing revealed that Gerard was keeping files on over *12,000* individuals around the country. According to one law enforcement source, those files focus on Arab-Americans, Palestinians, right-wingers and Nazi skinheads. But Gerard's files also include information on about 100 anti-apartheid activists and a smattering of Central America anti-interventionists.

John Crew of the ACLU says the chilling question is, "knowing that 12,000 names are involved indicates an active intelligence operation by Gerard. Did other police department officers know about it after 1990 when this material was prohibited? And if other officers know about it why did they not prevent it?"

Crew suggests that if other officers knew about it, they share in the culpability about not doing something to stop it.

Jerry Ladar, attorney for the Anti-Defamation League—which is also involved in the Gerard case—says, "There are suggestions that this was not limited to Gerard; that officers had names on home computers in violation of [SFPD] rules. The implication is there was a lot of unauthorized spying on groups that should not have been spied on."

"Intelligence abuse in this town clearly goes back 60 years. There has never been the ability and probably never will be the ability to clearly document all the abuses," says Crew. "We have small glimpses of what the intelligence operations were in the past but were told several times that this material does not exist when it does."

"The big picture is [to] remember the words of Frank Jordan in 1990, when he specifically promised that the SFPD had no political information. He said, 'I have checked, and there is none of this material.' Then 12,000 names appear, the documents from the Rodney King demonstration and 14 boxes of information from the Democratic Convention in 1984!"

As for Gerard, Crew says, "At this time we really don't know how widespread his files may be." ✿

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March on Washington: Two Months and Counting

by Val C. Phoenix

It was probably not meant to be an editorial comment, but everyone definitely got rained on at Supervisor Carole Migden's Feb. 19 press conference to support the March on Washington. In addition to the downpour from Mother Nature, Migden got a cold dose of constituent unrest from members of Transgender Nation and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, who showed up to make their case to the press assembled on the steps of City Hall.

With the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation exactly two months away, the transgender community is still unhappy with the national office, a conflict that found its way to the door of San Francisco's last remaining lesbian supervisor.

Migden struck a harmonious note, calling for a celebration of community power, and lobbying on behalf of a lesbian and gay civil rights bill. Ken Bunch of SPI and members of TN countered with complaints about a lack of transgender visibility, most notably by the omission of transgender from the march's title. Said Bunch, "The time has come for transgenders to take our rightful place at the podium and in the movement. Too often we're marginalized and trivialized within the movement."

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Migden (left): Don't rain on my parade.

Migden, who said this was the first she'd heard of the dispute, repeatedly deferred to march organizers who were present. Offering little more than soothing platitudes, the supervisor finally invited Transgender Nation to sit down with her and work out any problems "in advance of the march."

TN member Christine Tayleur says the group will be more than happy to take Migden up on that offer since they've had no luck with mayoral aide Jean Harris. Said Tayleur, who works at the Tenderloin Self Help Center, "I'm tired of seeing transgender people dying or being beaten up, or subjected to psychological torture or just neglect."

As if the title question weren't enough, another fissure opened up when Sister X of SPI accused the march committee of catering to the mainstream by denying the Sisters a spot on one of the stages. Sister X said the Sisters were extended an invitation to be on the opening stage and then had the invite rescinded by the "self-appointed leaders of the steering committee."

He speculated the committee was worried about bad publicity once gays in the military became a hot issue. "It's clear they've pulled out their A-Gay list as far as what they deem appropriate and who gets put up there and presented to America," he said.

Scout, national co-chair for the march, denies Sister X's claim, saying, "We have a strong commitment to the visibility of these issues." Bunch, she says, was invited to speak by an individual organizer who had no authority to extend the invitation. When the invitation went to the executive committee, following the proper procedure, it was denied, she maintains. "Personal issues had to do with disinviting him... I think there were legitimate reasons for the personality differences. I hope they're not seen as political differences." The march, she says, will in fact feature transgendered speakers and performers who have yet to be named.

Scout also denies that the military blowup has had an effect on the march's planning. "Three of the four co-chairs are street activists," she says. "We are certainly not predisposed to be a military event. It's not in our politics to make the march a single-issue event—for anything."

The executive committee, says Scout, is set to release a statement of support for the transgender community. "You can present the name issue in a vacuum and it seems like a great injustice was done... I think that we actually have a higher commitment to highlight transgender issues than on any other national organization," she says, noting the flack the march has taken from different parts of the country over the inclusion of "transgender" in march literature.

The statement seems cold comfort for Tayleur and Sister X, though both say they will attend the march, despite their objections. "Transgender rights equal bisexual equal lesbian and gay rights," says Tayleur. "I'm tired of being at the end of a laundry list. All we're demanding is equality."

In further march news, here are two corrections from the Feb. 11 article. The correct 800 number for the national office in Washington, D.C., is 1-800-832-2889. Also, the order of marchers given omitted the elderly, who are in fact the first contingent after the march banner, preceding PWAs. Says executive committee member Bart Casimir, who requested their placement at the head of the march, "This march is about civil rights. Elderly lesbians and gays represent that theme." ✿

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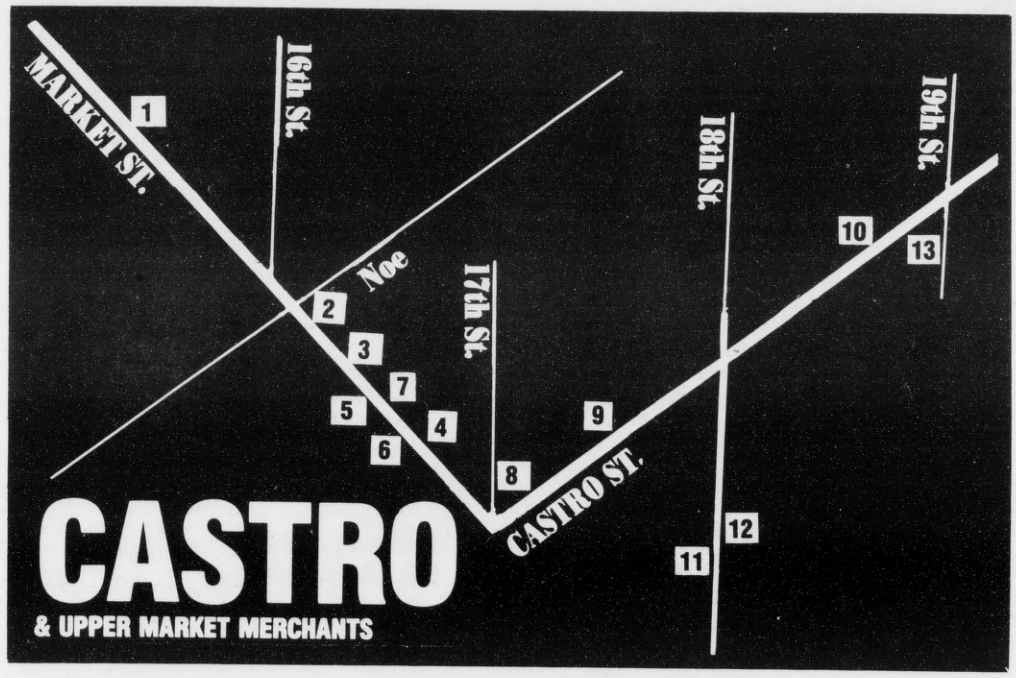

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Keeping An Eye On Sheldon

by Tim Kingston

"Should the far right organize against us," declares San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden, "we want to be prepared to defend ourselves." With that thought in mind, Migden organized a Feb. 20 meeting at the Old State Building, bringing together gay/lesbian/bisexual activists to discuss a response should Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) put an anti-gay initiative on the ballot.

The 60 activists at the meeting discussed what tactics the far right may use to promote an anti-gay ballot in California and how best to defeat any such campaign. The secondary goal achieved by the meeting was gathering the names of activists interested in working on media, fundraising and people of color outreach committees.

Political consultant Dick Pabich noted that compared to other campaigns set up to battle previous homophobic and AIDS-phobic ballot measures such as Props. 6, 64, 69, 102 and 96, "This meeting was much earlier and seemed to be more cooperative and unified."

ACLU attorney Matt Coles laid out the most likely scenarios for an anti-gay TVC initiative. He says the TVC has two possible types of ballot measures: a statutory initiative, and a Colorado-type constitutional amendment. He says the statutory initiative is easier to get on the ballot, needing 400,000 confirmed signatures, but such an initiative is vulnerable to court challenges. A constitutional amendment needs over 600,000 signatures, with 1.2 million signatures gathered to be on the safe side. That is a greater task, but the rewards are greater too, since, once passed, a constitutional amendment is less vulnerable to legal challenge.

Coles says an initiative could be written several different ways. It could restrict marriage to a civil contract available only to a man and a woman; it could repeal AB 2601, the anti-discrimination job bill recently signed by Gov. Wilson. Such an initiative could prohibit all discussion of homosexuality in schools, and expand California's religious exemption laws so that any organization with strong religious objections would be exempt from gay rights laws. Finally, it could be a Colorado-type initiative, outlawing "special rights" for gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Whatever they come up with, says Migden aide Dana Van Gorder, "We will need... at least two or three million [dollars] to do an effective statewide campaign." That would require wide use of TV and radio, says Van Gorder, to define the bigots as extremists before they succeed in doing the same thing to us.

One critical aspect of the discussion was how to avoid a Colorado-style debacle. Jill Tregor says the Colorado gay community did not read the population's "hot buttons" very well. Many residents of that state felt they were voting against "special rights" rather than against gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Tregor also warned that Amendment 2 supporters "were successful in playing one minority community off against another—i.e., 'If those gay people get their way, we can't get ours.' " She says, "It points out the rupture between gays and lesbians and minorities that really exists, and that it is important to create real coalitions."

Van Gorder says that the right wing will have to apply to the secretary of state's office by April or May if they intend to run a ballot measure in June of 1994, and by July if they intend to put one on the ballot in November 1994. While Van Gorder thinks there is little doubt there will be an initiative, Pabich still suspects Sheldon's talk may be little more than a fundraising ploy. ✿

news briefs by tommi avicolli mecca

Senate Bars HIV-Infected Immigrants

WASHINGTON - In a move designed to reverse President Bill Clinton's intended lifting of the ban on HIV-infected immigrants, the Senate on Feb. 19 voted 76-23 to keep that restriction.

Clinton, in addressing a campaign promise, recently instructed the Department of Health and Human Services to remove the ban on foreigners with HIV. Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.)—along with fellow Republicans and 34 Democrats—circumvented Clinton's intentions and wrote the ban into law, attaching it to the National Institutes of Health reauthorization bill. At press time, the fate of the measure in the House is unclear.

Said Tim McFeeley, head of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, "The Senate again sided with Senator (Jesse) Helms against the best advice of every reputable public health official in the country."

California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, in defending Clinton's lifting of the ban, said during discussion on the rider in the Senate, "And the facts are...that hundreds of thousands of immigrants are permitted to enter this country, many of whom suffer with terminal diseases such as cancer or heart diseases, which cost just as much as AIDS to treat, but there is no discussion of those people becoming public charges."

"Apart from South Africa," Feinstein continued, "the United States has been the only industrialized country to have such a ban, and this has caused us to be the subject of criticism around the world."

Among the many politicians joining the outcry against the Nickles amendment was local supervisor Angela Alioto.

Operation Rescue's Latest Tactic Bombs

SAN FRANCISCO - As part of a highly publicized national campaign to intimidate physicians offering women family planning or abortion services, Operation Rescue on Feb. 20 assembled a dozen followers at the home of a Santa Clara physician to accuse him of being a "murderer."

The picketers were unable to blockade the doctor's home. When pro-choice demonstrators appeared, the folks from Operation Rescue dispersed.

David Gilden of the Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BAYCORR) says that this type of attack "may have worked with McCarthyism in the '50s, but not today." Sharon Fleming of BAYCORR agrees, saying, "It's an extension of the violent, coercive methods they use against the women at the clinics: verbal and physical assault, inflammatory accusations and gruesome images."

Anti-Queer Violence Continues in Mexico

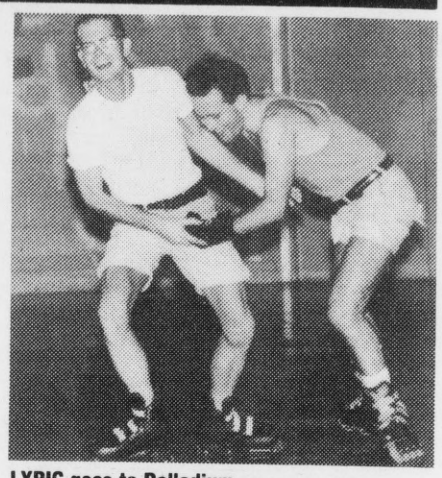
CHIAPAS - Neftali Ruiz, vice president of the Grupo Gay Travesti, is the latest victim in a wave of anti-queer violence in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. Ruiz was fired at from a moving vehicle by an unknown assailant.

The gay/lesbian/bisexual community in Mexico regards the act as another assassination in a long list of queer murders in the country. In the past year, over a dozen other gay men and nine prostitutes have been killed in Chiapas, most of them shot with high-caliber weapons in or near the capital city of Tuxtla Gutierrez.

"The Mexican government is responsible for allowing homophobic hate crimes to persist," says Enoc Uranga, co-founder and general coordinator of the Organizacion Mexicana por los Derechos Humanos de las Lesbianas. "The government has said it will not protect transvestites unless they are dressed like men, insinuating that it is okay to kill homosexuals if we are visible."

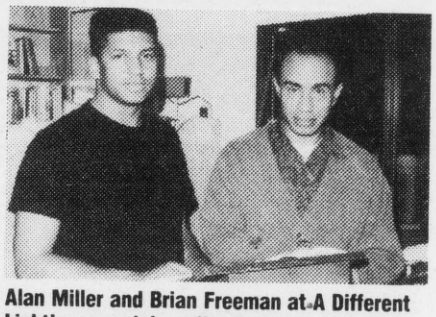
Uranga will speak on Mar. 4 at Modern Times bookstore, 20th & Valencia streets, in San Francisco, at 7:30 pm.

This latest murder has been denounced by the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.



LYRIC goes to Rolladium. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

A demo was held in front of the INS building to protest U.S. Haitian policy on Feb. 12. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



Alan Miller and Brian Freeman at A Different Light's memorial reading in honor of Audre Lorde and Melvin Dixon. Photo by Rink

Woolsey Wants RU 486 Approved

WASHINGTON - Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Marin) is calling on Hoechst AG, producers of RU 486, the French "day after" abortion pill, to expedite the process for seeking approval in the United States.

"We believe it is critically important to move ahead with the testing and marketing of mifepristone (RU 486) and would like to expedite the process," Woolsey wrote Wolfgang Hilger, president of the company.

Woolsey says she hopes Hoeschst AG would be prompted into action in light of the country's changed political climate with the recent election of Bill Clinton.

Jury Says HIV-Infected Must Disclose Status

LOS ANGELES - A Los Angeles County Superior Court jury found on Feb. 9 that an HIV-infected woman was liable for damages for disclosing her status to a nurse only after the health practitioner suffered a scalpel cut during a minor surgical procedure.

The ruling represents the first time a health care worker has suggested that a patient with any disease bears responsibility for determining the level of safety precautions that a health care worker uses.

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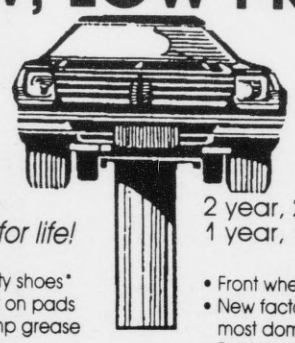

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"This case turns on its head the standard the government and the medical profession have adopted, which requires health care workers to treat all patients as if infectious and take the necessary universal precautions," says Richard DeNatale of Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe and a cooperating attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund.

Holocaust Museum to Tell Whole Story

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, scheduled to open on April 26, will tell the story of all the victims of the Holocaust, including Jews, Gypsies, political dissidents, queers, and the mentally and physically handicapped.

Writer Paul Monette, author of numerous books including the award-winning *Becoming a Man*, viewed exhibition models of the museum during a recent visit to Washington, D.C. He called the museum's mission of remembrance and education a way of keeping "our souls sane."

Established by a unanimous act of Congress in 1980, the museum was built by private funds on land donated by the federal government.

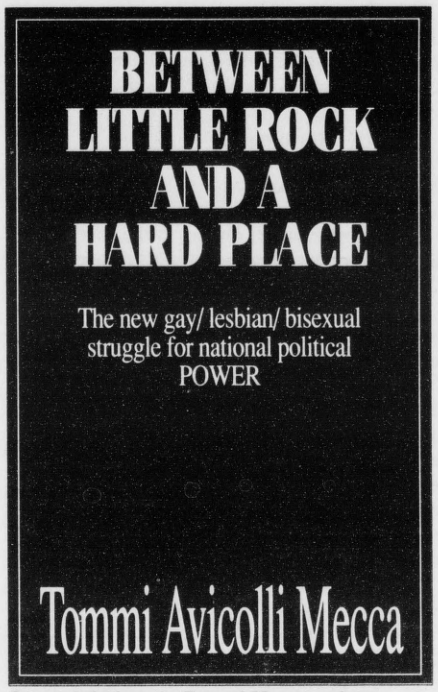
Back Alley Transsexual Injections?

ATLANTA - A man has been charged with manslaughter for injecting silicone from an auto store into a transsexual in a city that is quickly gaining a reputation for back-alley transsexual silicone injections.

Sophia Pastel, a 33-year-old from Norfolk, Va., was found dead in a hotel room after Fred Kennedy Glenn allegedly injected her in her buttocks with the silicone. Dallas Denny of the American Education Gender Information Service says Atlanta is developing quite a reputation for this type of illegal activity, mainly among transsexuals who cannot afford a sex change.

"You can get non-medical-grade silicone from any auto parts store," says Denny. "That and a syringe, and you're in business."

Silicone is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for any sort of treatment. The substance, when implanted into a specific area of the body, is known to drift to other regions, causing harm and even death.



Congratulations to Tommi Mecca, whose book analyzing the relationship between Clinton and the gay community has just been published.

Speaking of Holocausts...

LAPORTE - From the state that gave us the first statewide anti-gay/lesbian rights law, now comes "Death Penalty for Homosexuals Is Prescribed in the Bible," a booklet published by Scriptures for America in Colorado.

In the frightening pamphlet, now in its second printing, Pastor Peter J. Peters writes, "The truth is, the Bible advocates discrimination against, intolerance of and the death penalty for homosexuals."

You can communicate your feelings to the group by writing them at P.O. Box 766, LaPorte, CO 80535.

Everybody's Jumping On the Bandwagon

COLORADO SPRINGS - Speaking of Colorado, seems everybody's jumping on the amendment bandwagon these days.

A Colorado Springs man and his new group, Come Together Colorado, want to put an initiative on the ballot that would give gays/lesbians/bisexuals equal—but not "special"—rights. Greg Walta says his amendment, written by both gay/lesbian and conservative groups, calls for an end to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. It also forbids the state from granting "preferred legal status" to queers.

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Meanwhile, Berkeley, Calif., has joined the growing number of municipalities banning city-financed travel to Colorado because of its statewide law that prohibits any city or county from passing gay rights measures.

And the Winners Are...

SAN FRANCISCO - The recipients of the first annual Lesbians of Achievement, Vision and Action Awards (LAVA) were announced recently. They are: Adele Prandini for private creation, Barbara Cameron for community service and Gwen Craig for public service.

The awards will officially be presented at a dinner and dance at the Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St. in San Francisco on Mar. 13. Tickets are $75 and can be obtained by calling (415) 495-5393. Guest speaker at the event is Margarethe Cammermeyer, a former colonel with the Washington Army National Guard, who was dismissed for being a lesbian.

Bits & Pieces

• Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund will open its second regional office in Chicago in May. Currently, Lambda has two offices—the national one in New York and a western office in Los Angeles.

• Here's news you can't live without: *Justify My Life*, the original Madonna fanzine for the queer community, is releasing its second issue this week. "The volume of interest in this project has been incredible," says Eric Bauman, the publisher of the zine. Write the zine at 14925 Magnolia Blvd., Suite 190, Sherman Oaks, CA 94103.

• An appellate court in Texas affirmed a ruling by a lower court, striking down the state's sodomy law and barring the city of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department from using the law as a basis for rejecting lesbian/gay/bisexual applicants. The Feb. 10 ruling came as a result of a suit filed by Lambda Legal Defense on behalf of Mica England, a Dallas woman denied work as a police officer because of the department's anti-queer policies.

• Get those pens out! More than 300 men in 25 different countries are listed in the Spring '93 International Gay Penpals newsletter, which is now ready for mailing. Countries include Belgium, Japan, Norway, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Argentina, Mexico and Pakistan. Write to: International Gay Penpals, Ste. 320, Box 7304, N. Hollywood, CA 91603.

• The San Francisco Interreligious Coalition on AIDS has just published its 1993 edition of the HIV Sensitive Clergy Directory, which lists "key figures involved in spiritual care for people with AIDS and HIV" in San Francisco. To receive a copy, call David Fisher at (415) 558-7060.

• In recognition of its 15th anniversary, Theatre Rhinoceros has received a $75,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation and the San Francisco Foundation, which the queer theater will utilize to leverage new and increased gifts. To facilitate this effort, Rhino has hired Elizabeth M. Williams as its new director of development.

• A vigil will be held on Feb. 28 to call for an end to economic sanctions against the people of Iraq. According to a release, in 1991, 70,000 children under the age of five died as a result of post-war conditions. The vigil is at 3 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 420 29th Ave., in San Francisco.

• The National Organization for Women held a demo on Feb. 21 in San Francisco to call on the United States to recognize rape as a human-rights violation, and on the United Nations not only to recognize rape as a war crime but also to take "real steps toward stopping" it.

• Queer civil rights activist B. Allan Ross of San Diego is on a hunger strike until the San Diego Unified School District severs its ties with the local Boy Scout Council and the city revokes the use of public space by the scouting outfit.

• An interdenominational rally and worship service will be held on Mar. 19 to protest the homophobia of the National Council of Churches. The 7:30 pm event takes place at the Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Ave., in Berkeley.

• A new organization has formed to help gays/lesbians/bisexuals in California lobby Congress. The California League of Lesbian and Gay Advocates—CALLEGA—is seeking volunteers in every congressional district in the state. For more info, contact Drew Siegel, 1420 Clayton St., #203, SF 94114.

• For the computer buffs among us, there's Gay Blade, the first fantasy role-playing game for gay/lesbian/bisexual Macintosh computer users. Now you can zap those nasty fundies or skinheads, or "squelch a plague of traditional values" from the mouths of right-wingers. What joy! Not yet available in stores, the premiere edition can be ordered for $39.95 plus $2.50 postage/handling from RjBest, 5214-F Diamond Heights Blvd., Ste. 701, SF 94131. For more info, call (415) 206-1985.

• Dignity, the organization of queer Catholics, marked its 20th anniversary in San Francisco with a dinner dance and awards presentation on Feb. 20. Awards went to Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, the Filipino Task Force on AIDS and two Dignity members, Rev. Tom Ryan and Thomas Kaun.

• Upon learning that Jessica McClintock, Inc., was cited by the Department of Labor, 12 unpaid seamstresses and their supporters held a rally in front of the exclusive clothing boutique for back wages. McClintock's contractor, Leung's Sewing, was ordered to pay 22 workers $16,220 in back wages. Young Shin, director of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates, says seamstresses "are not getting paid minimum wage, overtime, sick or vacation leave, despite the fact that they're working 10 to 12 hours a day, 6 and 7 days a week."

• National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: Voter Education Initiative and March on Washington, in coalition with ten sponsoring Bay Area community groups and San Francisco's leading officeholders, will present "Developing Our Agenda: A Queer Summit for the Bay Area" on Mar. 13. The daylong program at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. in San Francisco, provides a chance for speakers to lay out their priorities for the Clinton years.

• Opinion is divided about whether Northern University, a United Methodist-affiliated school in Ohio, should recognize a new queer group. The student senate recently rejected the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance in a 15-9 vote.

• The York, Pa., City Council approved a gay rights measure that now goes before Mayor William J. Althaus, who introduced the measure. No question about whether he'll sign it.

• In Anchorage, a gay rights measure may be going before the public after Mayor Tom Fink vetoed it and the assembly overturned that veto. Citizens gathering signatures to put the new law on the ballot say they have more than the necessary number of names. While the petition gathering takes place, the law is in limbo.

• Because of opposition from residents of Fairfax, Va., the *Washington Blade* may not be available in public libraries in this city. The county's Library Board of Trustees will hear public testimony on Mar. 17, and make a final decision on the matter the following day.

• The Montana House supported a measure reporting hate crimes directed at persons because of race and religion, but not sexual orientation. Language about queers was removed by a House committee.

• In Wilmington, Del., about 100 people marched to a local military base to show their support for the ban on gays and lesbians in the armed forces. Banners cited biblical passages condemning homosexuality. Meanwhile, members of the queer community marched in support of the victim of an alleged gay-bashing by Marines from Camp Lejeune. They walked past the gay bar where Crae Pridgen was beaten on Jan. 30.

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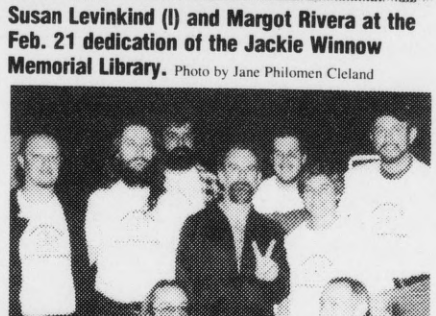
Susan Levinkind (l) and Margot Rivera at the Feb. 21 dedication of the Jackie Winnow Memorial Library. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland



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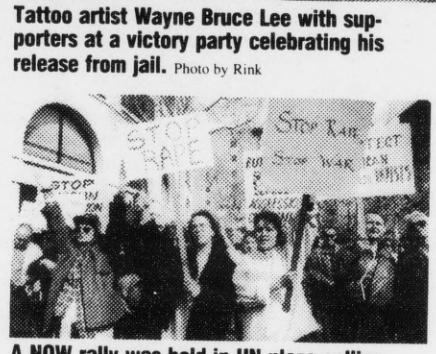

A NOW rally was held in UN plaza calling upon the UN to recognize rape as a war crime. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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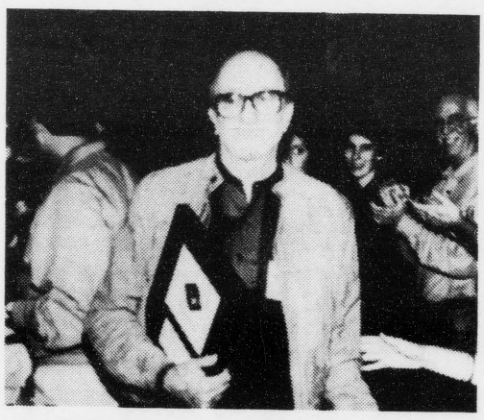

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what's going down by louise rafkin

Of Queer Things

It's extremely boring out here in winter. Provincetown all but rolls up the sidewalks. So we've got sidewalks, but who wants to walk on 'em with snow and sleet whipping around at 25 mph? If I wanted that experience I'd stay home and put my head in the blender and add a bag of ice.

So I do stay home, working my way through decades of videos. Last night I took out *The Children's Hour* in tribute to Audrey Hepburn, and was quite surprised. Made in the early '60s, it follows the story of Lillian Hellman's play of the same name. A willowy Hepburn and a young and fresh Shirley MacLaine run a boarding school for young girls. Both are accused of "unnatural behavior" and their downfall ensues.

See it. Even if you've got some nice weather, it's worth a couple of hours and a couple of bucks. MacLaine's impassioned plea when she recognizes her true feelings—aha!—makes even the skeptic inside me believe she has some backbone. It was a radical movie for the time, I suspect, though I'm not sure the L word was ever point, during a debate in—what? 1975?—in my hometown in SoCal. She trounced me with the bathroom bathos argument. "Do you want to use the same public restrooms as a man?" she asked coyly. I stood there frowning next to a row of teenage girls there for my support. They shrugged, then shook their heads—no.

I replied in the negative and thus the ERA—or at least that debate—was lost. "If this bill passes we'll have unisex bathrooms!!" she warned in a voice full of dramatic tremors. The women of my beach town shook their frosted do's and chuckled. And then, I always lamented, they voted no. Every time I enter a public bathroom I thank Phyllis for her wisdom and insight.

Gadz.

So these guys with brass are worried about the military not having enough bathrooms for both gays and not-so-gays. I heard a perfectly reasonable conversation about the problem on none other than National Public Radio. "And we just don't have the funds for building additional spoken.

So it is good to see how far things have progressed in 30 years, but then what to do with that funky, downright offensive report by the National Research Council? This illustrious group recently stated that the AIDS virus only affects "socially marginalized groups" with "little economic, political and social power" and therefore will have "little impact on the lives of most Americans" or "its way of doing business." Shall I go on? Spew!

Who are these folks? Yes, you and I pay their way. The NRC is part of the National Academy of Sciences, a private organization chartered by Congress to provide scientific advice to the Feds. Swell, huh? Also reported are various transient changes in institutions and relatively few permanent changes in areas such as public health and clinical research. Gee, *more* great news.

Let's tell Bill C. to cut *them.*

POWDER ROOMS? GUN POWDER?

Interesting to note in the midst of the gays-in-the-military brouhaha that the subject of bathrooms once again took the limelight. Those of you who remember fighting for the ERA might recall that the problem of where to pee seemed to keep most of the radical right up all night in a state of panic. (Clutching their wee-wees?)

I myself remember a particular debate with Phyllis Schlafly. Yes, it was me against her at that bathrooms," one anti-gay spokesman said with relief, seeming to put an end once again to any struggle for civil rights. Brilliance at work in the country, right?

If they're so worried about bathroom set-ups why don't they try this: Let the gay boys share with the straight women. The drag queens could enjoy sharing the powder rooms, and straight women usually *adore* gay men, right?

Joshing aside, I'm surprised they don't want *just* queers in the military—getting us killed one way or another. The peacenik inside me has had problems with the whole thing right along....

I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE...

What about that Judy Nelson? Clever. How *did* she catch that Martina in a tryst?

Fax.

Yep, it's reported in Nelson's new book, *Love Match,* due out in April, that Nelson and the Big M were staying at BJ's in Chicago (Billie Jean's, of course) when she busted her honey's clandestine romance.

Alone in the house, Nelson sent a fax to Martina's new lover which said, "I am here. You can fax me if you like. No one will see it. —M."

So then, flying back through the airwaves, Nelson received a multi-page love note intended for her sweetheart.

Eek!

Scary. Spooky. And I thought *I* was the best Harriet the Spy. It's a good thing Nelson's left gay girls behind because she's playing high stakes, if not high drama. Ah, technology...

A little gossip to lighten your day. I'm off to New York to spy on cute girls in the Village. Platforms? Yep, who'd have thought it? ✿

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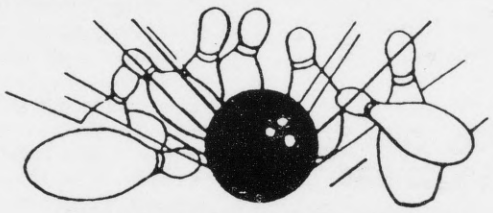

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Who Loves You, Baby?

This true story, with names changed to protect the naive and the ugly, made this writer think: Whom would I trust if I could no longer care for myself? Who cares about us, really?

Once upon a time, in Baghdad-by-the-Bay, there lived a gay man who had sex with a lot of men—and a few women. We will call him Bud The Stud. Bud was a very successful sex industry worker. He was generous and caring, but had poor judgment regarding the character of some of the folks around him. If they told him what he wanted to hear, he thought they were friends. His need to be loved drove him to overlook some serious character flaws. By the late '80s, Bud The Stud had ARC. But he was ashamed about being HIV-positive, and did not want anyone to know—especially because of what he did for a living.

Bud lived well, but did not plan ahead. He did not keep his insurance paid and made no provisions for the inevitable. Being surrounded by expensive things reassured him that everything was going to be all right and that he had a future—somehow.

Bud knew many people, most of whom did not know each other. His health declining, and without a companion, Bud decided to throw a birthday party for himself, and invited his friends. Most of them apparently were not the kind who show up for sentimental reasons. Some did—myself included—but it made for one of the most uncomfortable evenings I have ever spent. It was on this occasion that I first met an overbearing gay man, not too tightly wrapped, whom I will call Jud The Turd.

Jud was obnoxious and crude to a fault. But he insisted he was a good friend of Bud's, and would be "taking care of him." Having known Bud for over 15 years, I found it odd that I had never heard of Jud before. Anyway, Jud gradually moved in with Bud and would fawn over him when nobody else was there. Much to Jud's dismay, Bud gave me power of attorney and asked me to be executor of his estate. Bud told me that Jud was a con man, "but he wouldn't take anything from me." Somehow, he felt he was too hip to be hustled, despite his repeated experiences to the contrary.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

When Bud became bedridden, he finally accepted that his future was limited. At this point, Bud had attendant care 16 hours a day. Jud, who claimed to be a registered nurse, said he was going to take time off from his job at a health care agency and care for Bud. So, Jud The Turd moved into Bud's spare bedroom. He began overdosing Bud with drugs to keep him sedated while he methodically went through the house. I began to notice his terminology was confused and his behavior was very unprofessional and inappropriate.

One day, when Bud had a temperature of 102, Jud received five separate groups of "friends" in the house, who spent much of their time discussing who was going to get what. I can well imagine that when you are dying, this is not what you want to hear. Jud reveled in the attention of being queen bee. It was like a party.

Jud read Bud's copy of the will (he was nosy like that), and discussed it with various people. He hid boxes behind large pieces of furniture, and began slowly ripping off Bud—who was drugged out of his mind—packing up boxes with no one was there to stop him. One time, Bud called me and complained that Jud was taking all of the kitchen appliances out of the house. "I didn't mean for him to take them now," he cried.

In addition to being a thief, Jud was a racist and a pathological liar. He called the attendant service and told them not to send any more Blacks or women. "Bud doesn't like them. Just send young gay white men." Bud spent most of his life advocating multiculturalism.

OOH! OOH! WHAT A LITTLE SOCIAL WORK CAN DOOO!

Jud wanted to isolate Bud so he could tighten his control over his pot of gold. One evening he tried to throw me out of Bud's room. Shortly after, I found out that Jud The Turd had recently been released from San Quentin and was on parole. Checking further, I found he was not a registered nurse in California, and that he was wanted for allegedly scamming another victim in the Bay Area by pretending to be a nurse. Surprise, surprise! Here he was again, dispensing serious drugs which could kill someone.

At this point, Bud's car was missing, along with several valuable pieces of property and his credit cards. What had Jud been in prison for? Credit card fraud. The car was impounded in Southern California and Jud was carted off to jail, just in the nick of time to have his parole revoked.

What can we learn from this? Well, there are other disgusting people out there besides the pharmaceutical profiteers who view the AIDS crisis as a windfall. This true story, with names changed to protect the naive and the ugly, made this writer think: Whom would I trust if I could no longer care for myself? Who cares about us, really? This is a question we each must ask ourselves before we face the inevitable.

This tale of woe has a happy ending. The contributions Bud has made to our community will be recognized. Some of his property has been recovered, and Bud has been saved from his own poor judgment. But what of those who are not so lucky? How many of these Juds are out there? What is to prevent other Juds from fleecing the frail? We must affirm standards of conduct and decency that make this sort of behavior more difficult to perpetrate on any of us. It is too easy for sociopaths to blend into our mainstream under the guise of concern regarding the AIDS crisis because we are so desperate for help.

Finding someone who will care for you unconditionally at the end of your life, who will feed you, change your diapers, and help you make a comfortable transition from living is not easy. Neighborly concern and home visits by a doctor have been replaced by next-door strangers, isolation, con men who exploit the dying, inadequate health care and astronomical costs. Many of us have already lost our inner circle of friends. Most of us cannot afford the medical price tag of fighting to live.

A by-product of our isolation from each other is our victimization in small groups, and often as individuals standing alone against institutions and systems that do not give a flying fuck if we live or die. The Reagan-Bush legacy of moral judgment as a substitute for secular solutions is staggering. More than 100,000 lives of men, women and children are gone, with appalling silence from our government. We are the new lepers. And we lack trustworthy caretakers because we have accepted our outcast status and our victimization as *de rigueur*.

The gay world has no mechanism for sanctioning or excluding the Juds of the world, because we don't talk about these things publicly and society's mainstream institutions are not yet as sensitive to our needs as they should be. If some straight boys grow up thinking it is OK to off fags, it comes as no surprise that some gays also grow up thinking the same thing. Homospirituality is in trouble. We must find ways to isolate scumbags who prey on us in our most vulnerable moments. We must find ways to give ourselves healthier, more constructive choices than dying in a bed of pain and suffering—alone. ✿

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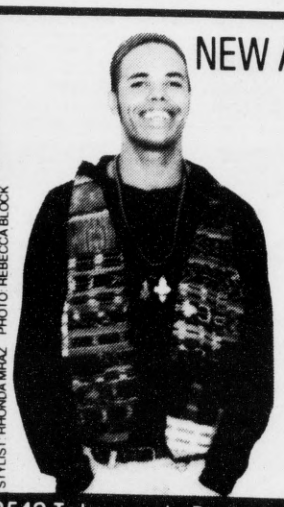
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Mark Davis as himself (r) and as Catherine Denoument, one of many characters in his scary brain.

Mark: My Words

When Mark Davis takes the stage as his "mother," Mavis Davis, the 29-year-old Centralia, Wash., native—who's trod the local comedy boards for two of his nearly three years in San Francisco—eerily transforms into a fiftyish, gray-haired Minnesota matron who is partial, as Davis puts it, to "lots of Tupperware and bundt cakes." Indiscriminately deploying her stiff-smiled mantra—"*Reeeaaal* good!"—Mavis dispenses pearls of twisted wisdom that, taken together, form a surprisingly radical agenda.

Davis is one of a group of hot, young gay comedians spawned by Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, the Castro club whose Monday open mike nights offer queer comics supportive stage time. Like some others, Davis has branched out into the City's "straight" comedy clubs. As Steve Martin once said, comedy's not pretty; neither is it easy, especially when you're openly queer and trying to squeeze a laugh from truck-driving, beer-swilling dudes and their hair-intensive dates.

But Davis is formidable. The stable of characters that inhabit his overamped psyche add depth and dimension to his more traditional one-liners. His work, political in the best sense, mines Generation X/homo themes of alienation, dislocation and their antidote: watching too much TV.

If his onstage intensity goes down a few notches in an interview situation, Davis' blue eyes still sear. The mouth works fast and the laugh is big and contagious, but those eyes burn dangerously. Which is what gives Davis's stage show its vigor. Sipping coffee in my kitchen, Davis—in a blue shirt, a small hoop in each ear and a Caesar-ish haircut—chats about the joys and trials of his work. Like a conscientious showbiz guy, he also plugs his show, "Among My Wigs," which'll headline at Josie's Mar. 10-14. Like a good friend, I'll plug it, too: Mark Davis is wildly funny; his show is a must-see. So see it. (Call 861-7933 for ticket info.)

(SF Bay Times) There's a real community here of gay comedians—both up-and-coming and established. Do you feel competition with the others?

(Mark Davis) Well, competition is part of any artistic community. But we're a community coming from oppression. I can see another gay comic that I'm pissed off at in a straight nightclub, and feel more empathy for them while they work, and forget that I'm mad at them, because the work is so *draining*.

How important is Josie's to the local scene?

Oh, God. It's *really* important. I hate to get gushy, but I pretty much wouldn't have a career without Josie's.

In straight clubs, how can you be a gay comic without being a people-pleasing "fag"?

I have a friend who says I'm very strict with the audience. (Laughs) At the beginning, I basically stare them down like you stare down a wild animal. I think I'm pretty powerful—not in a macho way, but in a high school teacher way. I've got something to say, and you're going to listen, or you're going to the principal's office. (Laughs)

What kinds of responses do you get from individuals at straight clubs?

Most people like it. There's always going to be five mean, nasty straight white guys who hate what I'm saying. Once you get over that, you can work. Crowds really like it; they think I'm brave, or they're scared for me. Or they're scared *of* me. (Laughs)

What's it like to play those places?

When I first started doing it, I really liked the idea of being a gay presence in a straight club. Now I'm starting to feel like it's pearls before swine. The money's not great, with the recession. Dick-joke-telling road hacks are killing comedy. People have stopped going partly because of that, and partly because of the availability of that stuff on Showtime.

Where is comedy right now?

I think it's reflective of American culture. It's getting homogenized; comics are less interested in a traditional theatrical structure. It seems young comics just care about a five-minute bite for TV, and making sure it's palatable to the mainstream. And that's *really boring*. I'm *much* more interested in a longer structure. And a lot of people want to break into wacky, nutty sitcom parts. I'm not interested in being the fag neighbor down the hall.

Is there hope for Hollywood around gay issues?

Nobody is well-represented on TV. It's all about money and marketing, and probably always will be. So like anything, if you want to see a quality product, don't look to Hollywood—make it yourself. Which we're doing. Since we haven't been able to gain access to mass media, there's been a sort of Harlem renaissance in the gay artistic community. Where there used to be the so-called chitlin' circuit for Blacks, now we have, if you will, a quiche circuit. (Laughs) Performers have a chance to come up in venues where they can just be themselves. You get an oral history tradition in our community that the rest of the world won't get, because they're being spoon-fed by the mass media.

And how great is it, really, to have gay people in a Banana Republic ad? I mean, *I* don't ever want to be on "The Love Connection", you know? (Laughs) I don't think it's some great compliment to anybody to be fuckin' ickified by going on things like that.

Question is, if you have a quiche circuit, are you preaching to the choir?

I think you ultimately have to do both things. I mean, straight people went to see Bette Midler eventually, right? Think of *all* the stars who have been built by the gay community. So if you start there, that's fine. But that's one reason I do *try*, even though they're such *assholes* sometimes, to get out into the straight, mainstream club circuit. If you can get people coming from the other direction to go your way, you're doing a little better.

HER HAIR'S GRAY, HER AGENDA LIBERAL

You use a lot of sketch comedy in your show. What attracts you about that, rather than sheer one-liners?

Characterizations are my talent. I love characters because I can put different political agendas into their mouths—especially in a white-bread, mainstream comedy club. I can go off on Amendment 2 in Colorado as Mavis Davis *way* better than I can do it myself. If I go off on it myself, I'll sound like a self-righteous, screaming harpy. But Mavis will just sound like she's full of common sense and love.

You go into the audience as Mavis. Do you do it much as yourself?

No. There are some comedians whose strength is the "hi, how are ya, where ya from" school of comedy, but it's never been mine. Especially for straight clubs, I find it's dangerous to ask rhetorical questions, or to get feedback from people. I don't want to *invite* people to heckle me.

Is it safer with Mavis?

Mavis is a better improviser than me. She just kind of takes over; it's a little uncanny. And she can say and do things I just don't have the balls to do. She also has the advantage of age. Older people can say things that people like us can't get away with—and she does mean it kiddingly. That's the best thing about her—she has not one iota of meanness.

Do you find that you get into a lot of people-pleasing to get laughs?

That's a hard question. I never take for granted that the audience is gonna like me—ever, *ever*. Every time I have, I've bombed. Before I go on, I make sure I'm completely centered, because being onstage *is* disorienting.

But you get approval every three seconds, when you're doing it right. I know, though, when I go into a dark, deep vein, that I'd better have a good punch line to pull people out of it. I've got to pull them in, yank them through my agenda, and *then* make them laugh.

What's not *funny?*

I think there are three things that aren't funny: rape, AIDS and incest. And *bad* dick jokes.

WEARING SHADES, HE WAFTS PAST

Do you get recognized much?

In San Francisco gay circles, and fag poverty jet set circles. (Laughs) My favorite part about the very minor kind of celebrity I have is that you feel like you live somewhere and you say "hi" to people. It was one thing I liked about growing up in Centralia: people would always say "hi" to you.

As your career builds, how big do you want to get?

One of the reasons I like playing big spaces is the cathartic energy of that many fags at one time is just awesome. I've been working the Atlantis gay Club Med charters, where you get 500 gay men in a room, and that long, long starvation to identify with someone on a stage or a television is finally being sated. People just go crazy. When you play a place like Kansas City, or Long Beach, where often they've never even *seen* a gay comic before, it's an awesome experience. I *love* that.

What's it like to come off of that?

Well, I was in Kansas City recently, and I just danced till two. Because it's pretty devastating if you go from *that* to the hotel room by yourself. Then you feel like the Buddy Hackett of gay comedy—ordering tons of shit from room service and considering whether or not you should call an escort for a massage. (Laughs)

Speaking of which, is the comedy circuit conducive to relationships?

(Coyly) I don't really want to talk about my love life. (Laughs)

Mark!

Dave! What do you want to hear? I mean, *duh*. You're on the road all the time, and blah blah blah.

Is it at all workable?

I don't know. It hasn't come along. (Long pause)

I guess we'll just leave it at that.

Yeah. (Laughs)

Okay—so who do you screw?

(Laughs) Well, I used to have casual sex, but I can't any more.

Why?

Because I get recognized at sex clubs. (Laughs)

Doesn't that work in your favor?

No—it just weirds me out. Nothing will make you lose your woody faster than somebody going, "Mavis!" (Laughs) Oh, God! *That'll* be the quitter line! You'll end with that! I know you journalists! Is *that* what you wanted to hear?!?

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TP-5: Thymus Hormone Trial Suggests Benefit

by Dave Gilden

Evidence that the thymus gland suffers extensive damage during HIV infection has led to research on using thymus hormone replacement therapy as a means to counteract the damage. Thymus hormones are proteins that affect the development of immune system T-cells in the thymus gland. They also enhance immune function in mature T-cells in the blood and lymph systems. While their exact role in AIDS therapy is unclear, various experiments suggest that injecting thymus hormones can increase the numbers of the various T-cell subpopulations. By enhancing the activity of the immune system's killer cells, they may increase these cells' ability to seek out and destroy cells infected by HIV.

Three injectable thymus hormone derivatives are now in formal trials as AIDS therapies—TP-5 (thymopentin), THF-g2 (thymic humoral factor) and thymosin-alpha1. No toxic effects have been noted for any of them.

Despite years of interest in using thymus hormones for AIDS, hard data has been lacking. Now, investigators claim they have data showing that injecting TP-5 three times a week confers some protection against progression of HIV disease.

"In my mind, there is very strong evidence that the drug prevents progression to AIDS-related conditions," says Marcus Conant, M.D., a San Francisco AIDS physician and researcher.

The latest TP-5 study, conducted by Dr. Conant and others, compared the drug against a placebo for 48 weeks in 354 asymptomatic HIV-positive persons. This study was double blind—no one knew who was getting TP-5 and who the placebo. All the study participants took AZT, and they started out with T-helper cell counts of between 200 and 500.

A close review of the data verifies that something useful does seem to be happening: For those study volunteers who had been on AZT for longer than six months, protection against early symptoms of HIV infection was apparent, though hard to quantify exactly. In this 235-person subgroup, 14 volunteers on placebo developed symptoms versus only four of those on TP-5.

But major questions persist as to the extent of TP-5's beneficial action. An attempt by Johnson & Johnson, TP-5's sponsor, to accelerate FDA approval of the substance was rebuffed when the company sat down with agency officials in December.

The corporate push began when the study was terminated four months early by an independent ad hoc Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) reviewing the interim figures. Early termination by a DSMB usually occurs because a study has already yielded decisive results. The DSMB's decision on TP-5 sparked loose talk of an impending step forward in AIDS care, similar to the introduction of AZT for early HIV infection.

But no dramatic statistical observations underlie the DSMB's reasoning. The board simply noted that the TP-5 trial was dragging on for no reason. It would take another four months to collect the final 5 percent of the data without any chance that the study's conclusions could be significantly altered.

The DSMB noted that the data could be considered unreliable in several respects:

- The drop-out rate was rather high, 20 percent in both the placebo and treatment arms. High drop-out rates distort study findings because the volunteers who are doing poorly or who suffer adverse effects from the experimental drug are most likely to be the ones who quit. One of the FDA's requests to Johnson & Johnson was to perform an "intent to treat analysis" on the data. Using this statistical method, the company will have to include the drop-outs' experience over the 48 weeks as if they actually continued with the study. We will then have a better picture of how well TP-5 would perform under real conditions, in which patients frequently fail to follow prescribed treatments.
- The clinical symptoms used to judge progression of HIV disease were limited and subjective. Confirmation of symptoms was by clinical examination and patient report only; it is possible that some signs of immune decline were misdiagnosed or missed entirely. And other disease episodes not on the trial's list would not

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be counted, even if they were severe.

• There was also a T-helper cell criterion for progression of HIV disease—to be counted as progressing, an individual's count had to drop below 200. However, there was no difference at all in T-helper cell trends between the study arms. Even in those with more than six months' use of AZT, T-helper cell counts held steady on average throughout the 48 weeks, no matter whether volunteers were on TP-5 or not. Such a finding is at odds with the previous study of TP-5 as an AIDS therapy. That small study did find indications of T-helper cell protection using TP-5, but its volunteers did not use AZT or any other antiviral medication. It may be that the effect of AZT in the current trial overwhelmed and hid any direct support TP-5 gives to T-helper cells.

When looking at a summary of the symptoms volunteers developed, we were struck by how much TP-5's observed benefit depends on differences in the rate of occurrence of thrush and oral hairy leukoplakia. This limited difference has led to some criticism in the AIDS activist community that TP-5 merely represents an unnecessary alternative to simpler treatments for these two diseases of the mouth. But there is no reason to believe that TP-5 has any direct activity against these conditions; therefore, if it reduced their incidence, it probably did so by strengthening the immune system, implying that the drug did work as intended. TP-5 seemed to make the biggest difference for people who had used AZT for more than six months.

Howard Grossman, M.D., a New York City physician who participated in the TP-5 trial, commented, "Even if TP-5 only does a little, everybody with HIV will be on it if the price is low." (Pricing is an issue because the effective dose of TP-5 costs about $100 per week in Italy, where the substance is legally sold.)

According to Robert Kniffen, a Johnson & Johnson spokesperson, the company is now putting together an expanded access program (which will probably be free for those eligible). Dr. Grossman noted that there really is no reason why anyone eligible shouldn't participate, since TP-5 has no record of adverse side effects.

While the expanded access program is in operation, a confirmatory study involving up to 1,000 people taking antiretroviral therapy together with TP-5 or a placebo will be carried out. Two years will go by before TP-5 can be approved.

Robert Kniffen summarized TP-5's current status in this manner: "Details of the confirmatory study and an interim expanded access program are being worked out in consultation with the FDA and the principal investigators. The status of the drug reflects the study data, which are unclear. The trick is to get clear-cut, definitive data."

ANOTHER THYMUS DERIVATIVE

Trials of other thymus hormone derivatives will also need to show clear data on clinical improvement or viral load, since these substances' effect on T-helper cell counts may not reflect their total activity. At Stanford University, Thomas Merigan, M.D., is conducting a federally sponsored (ACTG) trial combining thymosin-alpha1 (a thymus hormone derivative), IL-2 (a substance used by the body to stimulate T-cell growth), and the anti-viral drug AZT. Dr. Merigan will use his quantitative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique to detect changes in volunteers' HIV levels.

Thymosin-alpha1 attracted Dr. Merigan's interest because one preliminary trial in people with chronic hepatitis B provided evidence that thymosin cleared that virus from the body.

"Both thymosin and IL-2 affect lymphocyte maturation, but thymosin works at an earlier point, so it may potentiate IL-2's action," Dr. Merigan explained.

Dr. Merigan's study raises the possibility that thymus hormone derivatives may work better in combination with other immune modulators.

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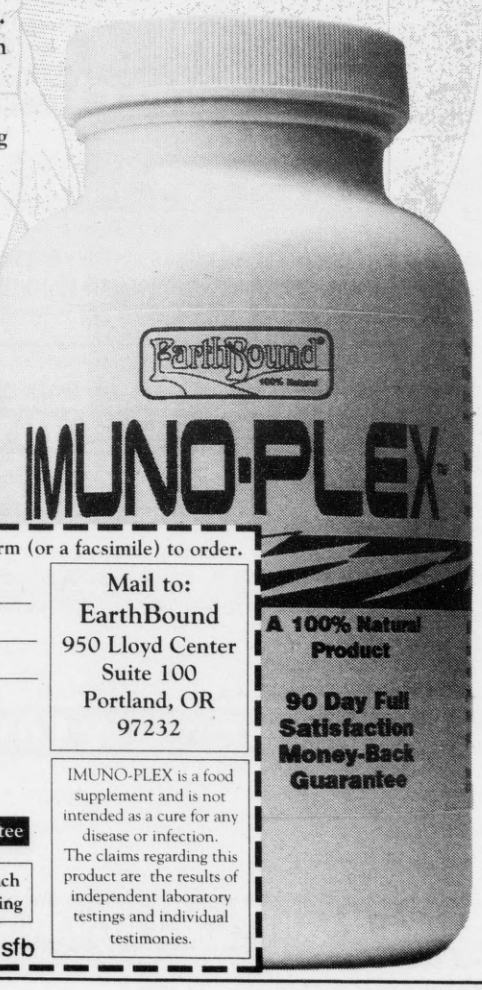

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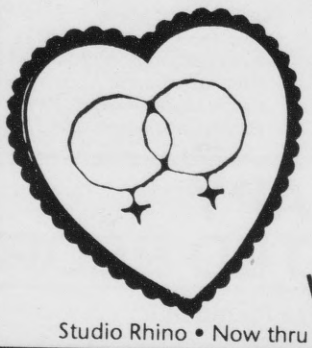

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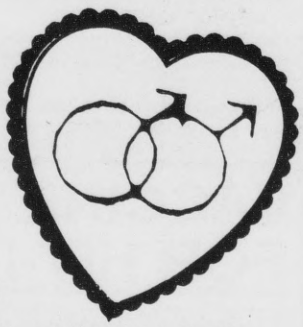

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Vicious Fishes

It's commonly thought that Pisces is such a sweet, gentle, delicate and mystical sign. This should be a magical, poetic month. Actually, of the two fishes, one is a beautiful *koi*, the Japanese carp that symbolizes love. The other fish is a barracuda. Mercury is now turning retrograde, and Saturn is about to square Pluto, making this a barracuda kind of month—or no time to be *koi*. Fasten your water wings. It's gonna be a bumpy swim!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Venus is in your sign, helping you to look maaaahvelous, darling! Appearances are deceiving. Deep inside you're wrestling with doubt and worry. Trust issues have come up between you and some of your friends, but your underlying concern is about mortality. Who can be trusted in life-and-death situations? That's important to know these days, but the next three weeks show you worrying needlessly about it. Your jolly front can create some difficulties with your work and reputation. It will help if you can discuss your concerns with those in charge—even if it seems that your personal worries should be irrelevant.

TAURUS: You've been working real hard lately, even more so than usual. The demands of your success are causing some confusion between you and your friends. You're probably being more authoritarian or serious than they're used to seeing you. Indeed you do have to struggle with issues of control, but take a close look at your own internal control issues, so that the demands of your work don't cost you so much in the way of friendship. Be especially careful with that one most important friend! Taking time to meditate and refresh yourself is also very important, but the demands of your work will force you to measure every minute. Your friends may feel like an intrusion on your serenity, but they can actually be very helpful.

GEMINI: In the next few weeks you're going to be working very hard, perhaps too hard. Be mindful of your health and your limits, but don't slack off either. You're heading toward a career peak, and this burst of energy could be a tremendous boost. Even so, these next three weeks will force you to reconsider your strategy. There will be misunderstandings, but regard them as indications of what you need to adjust and re-work in the following month. Political gambits are not reliable now. People you trust impulsively are either (a) great in bed, (b) profoundly inspirational, or (c) manipulative backstabbers. The context of your interactions will tell you how to take them or leave them.

CANCER: It's time to start reconsidering your religious and spiritual beliefs. You'll be facing lots of questions and conflicts in the next few weeks. Don't expect any fast or easy answers. Although you may experience a crisis of faith, look at this as an opportunity to explore, to examine and perhaps deepen your faith. Your spiritual quest can cause considerable confusion about (or in) your work and your relationships—and you don't need that additional confusion. Some flirtation is going to get a lot of notice and raise a bit of a ruckus. Efforts to explain it away will only make it worse. If you need to dismiss it, your best strategy is to write it off as a regrettable misunderstanding and to leave it firmly at that.

LEO: Things are getting either very heated or very hot with your partner. Hot buttons are definitely getting pushed. Either you're bringing up old erotic fantasies and making them real, or you're struggling to rationalize and enforce your desire for control in the relationship. This is no time to be rational! You're about due for a big change in your partnership and domestic situation. Somebody's moving in or moving out! The aspects here are volatile. Wrong decisions come too easily now. This deserves time and careful consideration. Put off decisions until after Mar. 23. A change of scenery could do you some good, but if you travel hang loose. Any itinerary would be shot to hell, but spontaneity and flexibility will be rewarded. Patience—if you can maintain it—will be a divine blessing.

VIRGO: Remembering to fear only fear itself, it may be fair to admit that this is indeed a scary time for health and mortality issues. The fear may be worse than what you're actually scared of, and if not, the fear still makes it worse. Talk out your concerns to put them in perspective. The deeper and more self-confrontive the talk the better. Make sure to do this in a safe space with a very trusted and loving friend, or a reliable professional. Consultations of any sort now will get off to an awkward start, so bear with it and dig in! Previous experience should now be trusted more than your instincts.

LIBRA: Your brain is getting mighty busy, but for all your brainstorming, your ideas aren't (at least right off!) as constructive as you think. They may be helpful in the long run, but they will need reworking in about a month. Right now concentrate on looking for problems. Wait a month to look for solutions. Worries about health may cut into your fun, not that they necessarily should. It's good to know your limits, but beware of dangerous indulgences on the one hand and needless abstinence on the other. Affectionate impulses threaten to disrupt your living arrangements, and for heaven's sake avoid any new investments or gambling for the next four weeks. Do I have any good news for you? Just that this too shall pass.

SCORPIO: Just when you mean to express a little levity you seem to sound heavy and committed. This little annoyance will be felt through the coming week, but that can be diverted into creative work. Next week your creativity will flower, and pithy little phrases or images crafted this week will then become more elegant and insightful. You're also coming up to a major change in your life that will redefine your position vis-a-vis your family and community. The process of change will not be pretty, but you will emerge stronger than ever before.

SAGITTARIUS: Usually you handle confusion with affable good grace. In fact, more often than not you happily create quite a lot of consternation yourself. This week, however, Eris seems to be tossing her little gold apples all around your home, and you are not at all pleased with the confusion. In fact, it's making you more than a little bit bitchy and hard to live with. Be careful not to take your anger out on undeserving housemates. Genealogy and history make fine diversions right now. You would also be doing your friends a favor by warning them that the stars predict an unusually mean streak for you. Line up some friends you can talk with very seriously about the deep-seated issues that will soon force themselves to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN: Resourceful as you are, you haven't let your recent money troubles get you down, but this week you tend to get caught up in bookkeeping crises and financial frets. You have a particular propensity in the next three weeks to whine and moan about anything and everything. That's at its worst this week. On any topic you're unusually likely to blurt out things you'd rather not say, and money is topic one. You'd do well to distract yourself with poetry and music. Try writing poetry—for yourself, not necessarily for anyone else to read. Indulgently somber music can be perversely satisfying right now. (But, please! No *Vissi D'Arte* around the children!)

AQUARIUS: Time has come for you to re-examine your priorities in life. This little crisis of values will reveal itself most immediately and overtly as money troubles. Any challenge in this realm will likely aggravate you to nasty, bitchy attempts at mastering and controlling the situation. You may succeed in taking control, but that will only avoid the real questions at hand. Your truest challenge now is to examine and admit to your limitations. Yes, Dear Heart, even you, as transcendent as you are of human frailties, you yet have certain limitations. Eager as you are to overcome them, doesn't it make good sense to know exactly what they are? Going off on a control trip now will only get you shot down by folks who really are in control, so be cool, and analytically introspective.

PISCES: All that stuff we hear about Pisces being vacillating, wishy-washy, and spaced-out can't be true, can it? Well, ummmm, I guess, maybe. What was the question? Mercury turns retrograde in your sign, adding a bit of truth to that rep. At the same time, you're gearing up for a major spiritual crisis—or crossroad. Right now inner doubts and fears you may have never acknowledged are coming to the fore. Questions abound; answers don't. It's a good time to explore the questions if you don't mind the utter lack of answers. Friends will try to be helpful. They will probably just stir things up even more, but that can be helpful, too. Bewilderment can be a good, honest admission of openness to radically new answers. And nobody wears bewilderment more charmingly than you! *Happy Birthday: Michael Merriman, Cherry Merriman!* ✿

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Women's Country Western Classes & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 3/5 in the Eastbay. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Mexico City author Alberto Ruy Sanchez reads from his newly translated novel *Mogador (Los Nombres del Aire),* an exquisitely poetic novel concerning the erotic narrative of Fatma, a woman living in an imaginary walled city off the coast of Morocco. The book has received the Villarrutia Prize, Mexico's most prestigious literary award. 7:30 pm, free. Cospons by Modern Times, City Lights Books & the Poetry Center. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Dance Outre celebrates their 5th anniversary season with the premiere of "I'll Worry About it Tomorrow," and George Nune's "Sketches," about women lovers in an emotionally strained relationship. Show runs at 8 pm, tonight thru 2/28 at The Playhouse, 27 Kensington Rd, San Anselmo. 2/27 performance is a benefit for the Hospice of Marin AIDS Program, tix $20; regular tix $10. Info/res: 456-8555.

Philip Horvitz's "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret: Horvitz tells the story of the events leading up to the sudden, disfiguring car accident that left Sammy Davis Jr without an eye, just as the star was gaining mainstream acceptance. Horvitz's solo show features a score made popular by Davis, Sinatra, Minelli, Diana Ross & Michael Jackson; recounting the truth of what happened to Davis that night in & near Las Vegas, while demonstrating what might be created were an entertainer to turn this real life drama into a musical comedy act. Horvitz presents the story at first, then shifts his focus from the Black entertainer facing racism to the implicitly gay performer facing homophobia, thru use of style, showmanship and pop-cultural referencing that is identifiably and traditionally queer. Play runs Tues-Sun at 8 pm, thru 3/7. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

ToontownRats at ATA: Artists Television Access' bi-monthly animation/comix series highlighting the nation's finest independently produced animated shorts & comix continues with works by Todd Havell, Paul Shokin, Michael Manese, Taylor Lee & Lana Bernberg. Also illustrated work by Tony Talbert and fresh new comix by Brian Wilcox, plus the first published collection of Toontown curator Keith Knight's *The K Chronicles.* 8:30 pm, $3-5. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Club nZinga Int'l Dance Party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

YASHA Turkish music ensemble in concert tonight at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St at 23rd, SF. 8:15 pm, $8 adv, $9 at door. Info: (510) 524-7791.

At Sugar Shack Performance Gallery: Night of fine jazz with *D'armous Boone Collective.* 10 pm, $4. 430 Haight St, SF. Info: 241-0117.

At Josie's Cabaret: Two of SF's most hilarious queer comics, Marilyn Pittman and Mark Davis, team up for a show tonight at Josie's, 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 27 / S A T

Lafayette-Moraga Trail/Walnut Creek Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Route 24 East to Pleasant Hill Road exit. Go SOUTH on Pleasant Hill Rd to intersection with Olympic Blvd. Turn right on Olympic & meet 9:30 am in first parking lot on right. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

The Gay Agenda: GLAAD/SFBA (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/ SF Bay Area sponsors a series of town meetings on the fundamentalist hate videos which had a devastating impact in Concord, Oregon and Colorado. The religious right distributed thousands of these videos to drum up support for their hate initiatives and plan to continue this tactic in other states (the videos are largely composed of carefully edited pictures of members of SF's lesbian and gay community). The 1992 video, *The Gay Agenda* will be screened at noon today & tmw, followed by a community forum with open mike at Roxie Cinema. Program lasts 90 min, $6 tix benefit GLAAD/SFBA. GLAAD hopes to provide a safe & open forum to discuss the issues raised by these viciously defamatory materials. For more info call 861-4588.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center Film Project Committee meets 1-3 pm today at DGLC, 25 Taylor St, Ste 701, SF. The Center has been given a grant to produce a film about Deaf queers. Everyone who knows ASL is welcome to attend the meeting. Info: DGLC 885-2341 or thru the Calif Relay Service (800) 735-2922.

Caring for HIV Naturally: 3rd part of a 4-part forum. Today's topic: "Crosscultural Therapies". Speakers: Anthony Kweku Andoh, PhD; ethnobotanist & author of *The Science & Romance of Selected Herbs Used in Medicine & Religious Ceremony,* and editor of *The Rejuvenating Plants of Tropical Africa.* Andoh speaks on "The Plant World in Mother Africa: Ancient Remedies for Contemporary World Wide Health Challenges". Randy Burns, co-founder of Gay American Indians and educator/ AIDS care provider, discusses "Inner Tribal Spirituality & HIV", with guest speaker on traditional Native American approaches to treating HIV. Acupuncturists Howard Moffet and Donald Currie speak on "Traditional Chinese Herbs & Acupuncture in the Treatment of HIV". Spons by the Alternative Treatments Group of ACT UP/SF. 1-5:30 pm, in the Gazebo Room, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce Sts, SF. Info: Rick 431-0617 or Michael 775-7760.

BWMT Rap/Social: Black & White Men Together meet to discuss "Man in the Mirror: Finding the Hidden Bigot Within". Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

Traditional Haitian Cultural Evening: Night of Haitian/Caribbean music, dance & cuisine. Entertainment includes traditional Haitian drummers, La Bonne Nouvelle dancers and Formula One musicians. Put on your dancing shoes and celebrate in the Haitian Kreyol spirit! 7 pm, $8-15 SL donation, proceeds benefit the democratic movement in Haiti. Local 28, 548 20th St btwn Telegraph & San Pablo, Oakl. Info: (510) 654-4616 or (415) 898-2857.

Marin BACW Video/Potluck: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of sensual movies (*The Hunger*) and good food (bring something quiet to eat). Attendance limited, call early (Avril 383-6737). $2.

Women's Open Mike for musicians & comics at Mama Bears: sign-up in advance for slot. 8 pm, women only. $3. Info: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Philip Horvitz's "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/26 listing for details.

Dance Outre benefit for Hospice of Marin AIDS Program, see 2/26.

Ambisexual aural stimulation at Komotion International with queer rockers *Pansy Division* and *Tribe 8,* plus the multi-sexually gifted *Hyperdrive Kittens.* Doors open at 8:30 pm, show starts at 9. Tix $5. Info: 861-6423.

SF Irish Film Fest features gay-themed films, see 2/26.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Stickelback* and *Shovelhead.* 9 pm, $3. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Ambi-Sexual Aural Stimulation with queer rockers *Pansy Division* at Komotion International, 2779 16th St, SF. 9 pm, $5. Also featured: *Hyperdrive Kittens,* plus special musical guest. Info: 861-6423.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Mark Davis, Sabrina Matthews and Mario Modelli. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Zircus, MDC* and *Rudiments.* 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

FEB 28 / S U N

MCC-SF Timeline & Day of Reflection: Metropolitan Community Church of SF invites everyone to participate in the creation of the community's first Timeline to mark both the 12th year of the AIDS epidemic and acknowledge the more than 10,000 San Franciscans who have died of AIDS. Provides time to reflect on the impact AIDS has made on the life of the church and everyone who has been affected. Come see this powerful document and enter your own reminiscences, thoughts and feelings. Timeline will be on display all day today, the event will culminate in MCC-SF's monthly healing servide at 7 pm. 150 Eureka St betwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

The Widow Norton, Empress I Jose, together with the Imperial Family of San Francisco, as especially represented by her sons & daughters in the Council of Emperors & Empresses, announce the 1993 Tribute to the late Emperor Joshua Norton, commencing the 134th anniversary of the issuance of his Proclamation, taking place at his gravesite at 11 am, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Colma. The Widow Norton (entertainer Jose Sarria) will lead her annual delegation of celebrants and mourners to her late husband's grave. Participants include conductor David Kelsey, vocalist Gail Wilson, the Rev Charles Lewis and other local & state officials. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BWMT Black Caucus Potluck Brunch: Noon at 334 Noe St, SF. For RSVP or more info call 863-0925.

Prop-Making Party for International Women's Day march & demo. Noon-4 pm. Lots of refreshments & fun! 655 14th St near Church & Market (UESF Union Office). Info: Erin 731-1899.

The Gay Agenda: Community forum on fundamentalist hate videos, see 2/28 listing for details. Final day!

Magic of Astrology Class with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.

Filipino Family Health Fair: 12:30-2:30 pm at New Hall, St Kevin's Church, 704 Cortland Ave at Ellsworth (Bernal Heights), SF. Refreshments served. Focus on health-related issues in the Filipino community. Info: Belinda Villacorta, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9877.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 1-3 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info: Valerie 641-1308.

Men Pleasuring Men Group at Eros, led by John Sabel & Matthew Simmons. 2-5 pm, $20. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Z Budapest Bookparty at Mama Bears, in celebration of the publication of her new book, *The Goddess in the Office,* which contains attitudes & spells to help with everyday problems (sex harrassment, job loss, hurtful gossip, etc). 3-5 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Lesbian Seminar Series, spons by Pacific Center, opens with "Multiculturality & Empowerment in the Lesbian Community," a wkshop presented by Akaya Windwood & Staci Haines. 4-7 pm, donation requested. Scent-free preferred, accessible. At Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283 or (510) 939-7711.

Jazz, folk & contemporary vocals with Ellen Robinson; Kevin Gerzevitz on piano. 4 pm, $10. Annie's Hall, 1610 Carleton St at California (behind 1612), SF. Info: (510) 540-7948.

The Fidell String Quartet in concert at Meyer Sanctuary, Temple Emmanuel, 2 Lake St (at Arguello), SF. Program: Works by Haydn, Wolf & Schoenberg. Info: 751-2535. 4 pm.

Slavyanka, Men's Slavic Chorus performs the world premiere of Konstantin Shvedov's "Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Opus 40". 5 pm, $12. Grace Cathedral, 1051 Taylor St (corner of Calif & Taylor), SF. Info: 445-1309. Tix available at door.

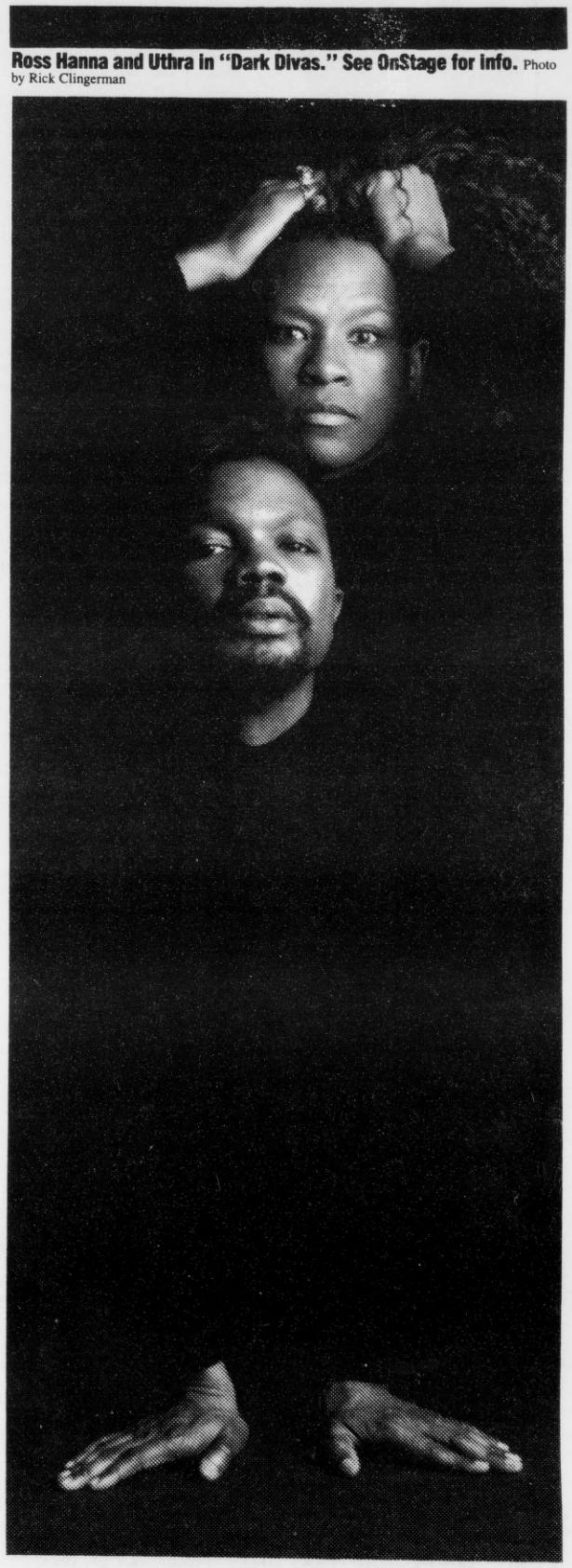
The Women's Philharmonic Brass perform a benefit concert at Holy Names College Chapel, Oakland. Concert benefits the First International Women's Brass Conference (St Louis, May 1993). Features renowned artists Susan Slaughter, principal trumpet of the St Louis Symphony & Joyce Johnson-Hamilton, trumpet soloists & conductor, plus many prominent SF Bay Area women brass players. Program: Works by Emma Lou Diemer, Sharon Moe Miranda, Germaine Tailleferre, Benjamin Britten, Johannes Brahms & antiphonal works by Giovanni Gabrieli. 5 pm. Adv tix: $12 gen'l, $7.50 stdnts & srs. Tix at door: $15 gen'l, $9 stndts & srs. Info/res: (510) 649-1067.

Clinton & the "New World Order": Imperialist Foreign Policy Under the Democrats & How the Workers & the Oppressed Can Fight It—Public Forum spons by the Revolutionary Trotskyist League. 6-9 pm, $5 donation requested (no one turned away for lack of funds). Mission Neighborhood Center, 362 Capp St nr 19th, SF. Info: RTL, PO Box 10748, Oakl 94610.

Women's Spirituality & Justice Gathering: Night of rhythm, story & song by the GABRIELA "Babaylanes" (Filipino women's priestess/activist group). Bring your own percussion instruments. 7 pm at Noe Valley Minisry, 23rd & Sanchez, SF. Group meets every 4th Sunday. Info: (415) 550-7796 or (510) 834-0640.

At A Different Light Bookstore: NY author Laurie Weeks reads from her new book, *Debbie's Barium Swallow.* 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Philip Horvitz's "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/26 listing for details.



Ross Hanna and Uthra in "Dark Divas." See OnStage for info. Photo by Rick Clingerman

Dance Outre AIDS benefit on Feb. 25-28. Calendar has details. Photo by Steve Savage

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Barbara Neely reads from her novel, *Blanche on the Lam,* the story of a 40-year-old African-American domestic worker "with big thighs, a wry sense of humor & a jaundiced view of the rich." Blanche turns sleuth when a member of the wealthy household where she works is killed. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. Info: 821-4675. 1009 Valencia St, SF.

Dance Outre opens their 5th anniversary season, see 2/26.

MAR 1 / MON

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at the Parsonage. Tonight's topic: Defining & Identifying Evil in Gay Men's Lives. Focus on shared personal experiences by men from all spiritual/religious traditions. The 2nd of a monthly series. 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

MAR 2 / T U E

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Jorge Ramir de Baca. 7 pm at 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret. Show takes a queer look at the Sammy Davis Jr story, using it as a framework to examine racism & homophobia in show business. Plays Tues-Sun, 3/2-7 at 8 pm, $10. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

MAR 3 / W E D

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets to discuss "Older Men with Younger Men". Led by George Birimisa. 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Wimmin of Powerful Expressions: Marion Gerlind, German lesbian feminist writer & fighter, reads from her book, *Sprachgewaltige Frauen* (Women of Powerful Expressions), a hand/workbook which challenges & changes the sexist & racist German language. Discussion in English, specific texts read in German & English. 7 pm, women only. $3-7 SL donation. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Project Inform Introductory Town Meeting: Provides an overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring and treatment strategies, geared toward people who are HIV + and general audiences. 7:30 pm at MCC (Metropolitan Community Church)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: (415) 558-9051 or (800) 822-7422.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/2.

MAR 4 / T H U

Rainbow's End, support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23 meets tonight & 3/11, 18 & 25. 6:30-7 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 7-8:30 group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

HIV/AIDS Community Eucharist & Annointing: Oakland Bishop John Cummins celebrates the Eucharist & annoints the sick at the monthly HIV/AIDS liturgy at St Francis de Sales Cathedral Center, San Pablo at 21st St, Oakl. Everyone welcome to join in prayer for those living & with HIV Disease, the families & caregivers; and to remember those who have died. Book of Remembrance available for the names of the sick & the dead. 7 pm. Info: (510) 834-5656.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Fighting for Lesbian Rights in Nicaragua & Mexico," Enoe Uranga discusses current efforts to organize a lesbian human rights organization in Mexico City; Amy Bank, of the feminist office Puntos de Encuentro in Managua, discusses the unprecedented coalition of feminists & queer activists presently fighting Nicaragua's new sodomy law. 7:30 pm. Co-spon by Modern Times, La Red, the Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission & FOX. Donations requested. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe: "Open Dora's", open mike comedy, music, poetry & performance for women. All welcome! Sign-up at 7:30 pm or call 206-9365 to reserve spot. Show starts at 8 pm. $3-5 SL fee. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF.

New Horizons, support/social group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young adults, ages 22-29, meets tonight & 3/11, 18 & 25. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Info/location: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/2.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Rhythmic, socially aware originals with *Scarecrow;* Gina Pautilo on ukelele; plus raw folk with hints of Celtic magic with Bern. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. $2-5 SL. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Betty Bethards, widely known mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* lectures on "Affirmations & Visualizations: Creating Pathways to Success". 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. WA. Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Brand in concert to celebrate their new album, *Jelly (The Dirty Dozen Brass Band Plays Jelly Roll Morton).* At Freight & Salvage, Berkeley.

MAR 5 / F R I

Women's Country Western Classes & Dance: 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us in letting go of the week & your work; bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Wear no scents, please. Eastbay location this month. Call (510) 533-4778 for location/directions. For gen'l info call (415) 821-4009.

"Fantasies... Fairy Tales Can Come True," a musical extravaganza with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, at Cowell Theatre: Musical selections include "At the Ballet" from *A Chorus Line, Beauty & the Beast's* "Be Our Guest" and a wild production number, "Dames at Sea". 8 pm tonight & tmw, tonight's concert is followed by a fantasy dessert reception. Tonight's tix: $25 sponsor, $15 gen'l; 3/6 tix: $15 general. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, SF.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/2.

"The Year of the Wonk," a celebration & membership dance party with SF comic & school board member Tom Ammiano. Event features Celebrity Karaoke to the live sounds of *The Honking Wonkers,* followed by house dancing with DJ Special K. 8:30 pm-1:30 am at the Show 'N Tell Gallery, Market St btwn Franklin & Gough, SF. Presented by the SF Arts Democratic Club. $7 adv, $9 at door. Info: 995-ARTS or 441-2557.

Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Suzy Berger and Doug Holsclaw. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 6 / S A T

Beyond Breaking Up: A wkshop for lesbians on emotionally detaching & rebuilding one's life. For info/reg: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High Street exit off Hwy 880. Follow High St WEST toward Alameda to Otis, Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet at end of court. 9:30 am. Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss lesbian culture, sexual identity, sexuality, community, oppression; begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. 10 am-4:30 pm, $45-65 SL fee. Mountain View (40 min south of SF) location. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Neighborhood Meetings with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi: Bring your concerns over jobs, the economy, the budget deficit, quality health care access, education, the environment, national service, welfare reform & campaign finance reform. Schedule: 10 am at John Adams Campus, City College of SF, 1860 Hayes St at Masonic, 3rd floor auditorium (limited parking available, disabled entrance on 30th Ave, accessible by Muni 31 & 38). 1 pm at George Washington High School Auditorium, 600 32nd Ave btwn Geary & Balboa, limited parking available, disabled entrance on Hayes St, accessible by Muni 21 & 43.

Career Planning/Job Hunting Skills Wkshop spons by Diablo Valley MCC (Metropolitan Community Church). The likelihood of being laid off or changing careers is quite high in this time of economic uncertainty—are you ready? Or would you like to do something that you really enjoy doing, but are uncertain of how to go about it? Attend today's workshop and learn how to get on with your career moves. Career assessment & planning, prioritizing, tips on resume development, getting past the screening desk, finding a career/job that is best suited for you. Conducted by Zack Blake. Free, $5-10 donation is appreciated. Info/directions: (510) 827-2960.

Honor Your Intuition Class with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Book Shop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center offers a workshop on being deaf, blind and gay/lesbian. Two community members share their experiences, joys & frustrations. Everyone welcome. Voice interpretation provided for those who do not know ASL. 1 pm at DGLC, 25 Taylor St, Ste 701, SF.

PEN Oakland 3rd Annual Literary Awards, followed by reception: 2-4 pm. Program includes blues & rock performers, Paul Wood & Miss Dee, as well as readings by the award-winning authors Opal Palmer Adisa, Francisco X Alarcon, Lucha Corpi, Sylvia Lopez-Medina, and others. Tix $5 at door. Info: (510) 548-3306. Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, Oakland.

Purim Megillah Madness Square Dance Party spons by Sha'ar Zahav. An eve of fun & frolic with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, in celebration of Purim. Includes square dancing (and dance exhibit by Foggy City Dancers), costume contest, food & drink (including homemade hamentashen), megillah reading & much more! 7 pm, $6 in costume, $8 in regular dress. Childcare available upon request (call 861-6932 for reservations). SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St at Presidio, SF.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/2.

"Fantasies... A Concert" with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. See 3/5.

Int'l Women's Day Multicultural Celebration at SF Women's Building. Program: Solo dance performance by Anne Bluethenthal, traditional Haitian dance with Blanche Brown & drummers, Alleluia Panis in a solo Filipino dance performance, Priscilla Regalado performs excerpts from her work, "Frida Kahlo: A Self-Portrait in Dance," and improv duet performed by Priscilla & Anne. Also visual art installation by Stephanie Johnson. 8 pm, $7-20 SL donation, includes reception. SIGN & childcare provided with 48 hrs notice, call 431-1180 to reserve. 3543 18th St, SF.

"Fantasies: Fairy Tales Can Come True," musical concert with Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, see 3/5.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Over Our Heads improv comedy group keeps your spirits up! Doors open at 8 pm, show at 8:30. $8-11 requested donation. WA. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Gwen Avery Concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Dance! Mills Lesbian & Bisexual Union (MLBU) spons by dance tonight at Mills College Student Union, from 9 pm-1 am. $4. Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 729-8948.

Women's Country Western Dancing: Smoke-free! Lessons by Lilia, 9-9:30 pm; open dancing with DJ Gina, 9:30 pm-midnight, $5 cover. Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: Lilia (510) 271-5916 or Tea Spot (510) 848-7376.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Williams, Tom Ammiano & Mark Davis. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 7 / S U N

Staying Sexual: 1-day wkshop for lesbian couples wanting to increase the frequency and/or quality of sex in their relationship. Get info, support, strategies for change. 9:30 am-5:30 pm, $50-75 SL fee, per person. Mountain View (40 min south of SF) location. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Tibet Day: "Honoring the Struggle for Tibetan Independance," day-long (10 am-4 pm) program at Ft Mason Conference Ctr, Building A, SF. Tibetan arts, crafts, books & exhibits; delicious Tibetan food; special performance by Chaksam Pa Tibetan Dance & Opera Company (at Life on the Water Theatre, separate admission); slideshows on Tibetan culture & refugee issues; videos; and speakers. Tix $5 gen'l, $3 kids. Info: 241-9197.

"What's Past is Patriarchy: Getting it (Together) after the Hill/Thomas Hearings" an educational symposium spons by Magic Theatre and Calif Council on the Humanities to coincide with Magic Theatre's production of "Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings." Speakers panel includes Aileen Hernandez, former NOW president & Equal Employment Opportunity Commission member; and Dr Troy Duster, professor of sociology at UC Berkeley. Moderated by David Copelin. Program centers around issues brought up during the Thomas confirmation hearings & the ensuing confrontation between Thomas & Hill, including sexual harassment, the makeup of contemporary government, and the role of women and people of color in government. 3:45 pm (immediately following matinee performance of Unquestioned Integrity). Free. Public welcome. Magic Theatre/Northside, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Info: 441-8001.

Adopted? Open house for information & networking: Come meet other adoptees; share who you are, what you are doing & what you want to do. 3-6 pm. Call Amy Jane Cheney 647-1492 for details.

Bookparty celebrating the publication of Susun Weed's *Menopausal Years,* a compendium of herbal remedies for menopause. Reading & booksigning. 5-7 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Carol Pogash reads from *As Real As It Gets.* 5:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Computers, Freedom & Privacy panel. Author Bruce Sterling reads from *The Hacker Crackdown* and other writings; Mike Godwin discusses civil liberties in cyberspace; John Draper talks on phone hacking in the '60s, Mitch Ratcliffe of This!Group and Bruce Koball on the philosophy & events of the 3rd Computers, Freedom & Privacy Conference. 7 pm, $3-5 SL donation. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Poets Walter Holland & Kevin Martin read selections in their anthology of poetry, *A Journal of the Plague Years.* 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret. See 3/2. Final performance!

MAR 8 / MON

Women Writers Group offers writing support for women over 50 years old. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm for potluck/discussion. March title: *My Sister, the Moon* by Sue Harrison. 77 Waller St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 9 / T U E

Men Moving Together: Men's healing playshops. Part I, "The Listening Hand." Tuesdays, 10:30am-12:30 pm, today & 3/16, 23 & 30; 4/6, 13, 20 & 27. $200. James Howell Studio, 66 1/2 Sanchez St (14th & Duboce), SF. Info/reg: 626-9405.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Mystery writers panel with Jaqueline Girdner, Margaret Lucke, Shelley Singer and Gloria White. Intro by Ardy Tibby. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets tonight, for location, time & other info call 929-8877.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by physical culturist Jim Rueth. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Renowned feminist author Margaret Randall discusses her new book, *Gathering Rage: The Failure of 20th Century Revolutions to Develop a Feminist Agenda.* 7:30 pm, $3-5. Co-spons by Modern Times, Women Against Imperialism & Break the Silence Mural Project. 888 Valencia St, SF.

LoveWorks, Lesbian Relationship Coaching: Evening for women of color and interracial couples, with Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein. 7:30-9:30 pm, $5 per person. San Mateo location. Info/reg: 572-1999.

Benefit for Angie Fa at Josie's Cabaret: Singers Rachel Slurr, Anita Mann & David Greene join dyke comics Karla Carmony, Gail Hand, Mimi Freed & Suzy Berger, plus the fabulous stars of the original "Whatever Happened to BB Jane?" and The Kid Herself, Miss Ann Drogynous and Matthew Martin, for an ultra-talented, funny program, with proceeds helping to retire the campaign debt of Angie Fa, who successfully ran to become the first lesbian on the SF School Board. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 10 / WED

HIV Wellness Group at Marin General Hospital, spons by AIDS Interfaith of Marin, meets today & 3/17, 24 & 31. Info: Amira 457-1129.

Lesbian Uprising! Book Group considers *Gathering Rage: The Failure of 20th Century Revolutions to Develop a Feminist Agenda* by Margaret Randall. Info/location: 441-6238.

NGLTF Mtg: Local unit of the Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Tea Spot Poets & Writers Salon features Eastbay women writers groups reading from their work. Open mike begins at 6:30 pm, readings at 7:30. Free. Light supper available beginning at 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Judith Masur, artist, poet, cartoonist, clown and author of *The Lesbian Supremacist Song* gives a rare solo performance at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 7 pm, $5, women only. Reservations recommended. No scented products please. WA. Info: (510) 428-9684. Call (510) 540-5564 for access info.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Walden Bello reads from his new book, *People & Power in the Pacific: The Struggle for the Post-Cold War Order.* 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Wayne Koestenbaum reads from his

parents & kids box

UCSF Rainbow Clinic: Grand opening of the first pediatric clinic for children of lesbian & gay parents. Reception 3/1 at 6:30 pm, UCSF Ambulatory Care Clinic Bldg, 400 Parnassus Ave, SF, 2nd floor. For more info, or clinic appts, call 476-6410.

Tulipmania Festival: 15th annual fest, 3/6-20 at Pier 39, Beach St & Embarcadero, SF. Features over 50,000 tulips, in 70 different varieties. Special "Children's Gardening Hour," on 3/13, with storytelling, a guided walk, and hands-on crafts geared especially for the younger set; fun begins at 11 am with children's librarian Jacky Averill presenting "A Children's Introduction to Spring Flowers," geared for 5-10 years olds; followed by a tulip walk & crafts session. Info: 705-5512.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group meets 3/19, 7-9 pm in the Geneva Room at First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, corner of 5th & E Sts, San Rafael. Tonight's topic: "Our role in school & community settings." Childcare provided, $2 per family. Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

SFJCC Purim Carnival & Costume Parade: 3/7. SF Jewish Community Center spons a day of fun for kids of all ages: 10 am-3 pm, free—kids games & activities, magic show, clowns, costume contest, homemade hamantaschen & falafel. 12:30-4 pm, $1—Performance showcase, Israeli music & folkdancing, costume contest, more food & refreshments; and, of course, the reading of the Megillah. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Parenting in the '90s program at SF Jewish Community Center. "Who's in Charge Here?—Effective Discipline," LeAnn Slaton, MS, explores discipline methods for developing responsibility, encouraging cooperation & enhancing self-esteem in children. 3/18, 6:30-8 pm, $7. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Richmond Art Center: Registration for spring classes open now. RAC offers over 40 classes & workshops for children & adults, in a wide variety of media. RAC's Education Program also features a terrific series of classes for kids ages 3-16, including "I Love to Paint," "Imaginings," "Art Together," Parent/Child Workshop, "Rainbows of Art," "Clay Play," Multicultural Arts, Pre-Teen Pottery, Mixed Media, Drawing for Kids, and Painting, Drawing & Printmaking. Register in person Tues-Fri, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Sat & Sun noon-4:30 pm, or by mail. RAC is within walking distance of Richmond BART. Class schedule/info: (510) 620-6772. Classes start 3/30.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 2/27: Plum City Players—songs, stories & games with Bonnie, Nancy & Annie. 3/20: Mascaritas Puppet Theater presents "The Hungry Wolf," story about the ingeniousness of childhood, adapted from Little Red Riding Hood. 3/27: Special family concert with British balladeer Leon Rosselson. Rosselson, one of Britain's best political songwriters, is also a successful writer of children's books. His shows are witty, urbane, and excruciatingly funny. 10:30 am, $5 adults, $3 kids. 13105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Classes begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. Schedule: 2/27: Jazz Movement Wkshop with Roger Dillahunty. Lots of fun! 3/6: Fishprinting on T-Shirts, with Patty Yancey. Bring a cotton T-shirt, or purchase one for $4. Class $4/person. 3/13: Cornhusk Dolls with Margaret Goodale. Make a simple, basic cornhusk doll & dress it up! $3/person. 3/20: Tops & Spinning Things, with Hilary Barber. Discover the fun of Newton's Laws by making tops & spinamagigs. $4/person. 3/27: Chinese Brushpainting, with Lampo Leong. Wkshop explores Chinese traditional brushpainting techniques & their effect on modern art. $4/person. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF.

2nd Int'l Children's Film Festival at Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley: Wonderful selection of films for children presented at matinee screening 2/27 at 1 pm. Entertaining, high quality films from around the world. Pacific Film Archive, University Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Tix $3 per person. Info/res: (510) 642-1412.

Gay & Lesbian Parents of independent school students are welcome to meet with gay & lesbian independent school teachers on 4/21 at 7:30 pm at Drew High School to discuss issues of mutual concern. Spons by the Bay Area Independent School Gay & Lesbian Caucus, a group of teachers working to promote awareness of issues facing gays, lesbians & bisexuals in Bay Area independent schools. Info: Blake 864-0727.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

At SFJCC: Eliot Fintushel of the Mime Workshop joins other guest performers in a benefit program for kids of all ages, 2/28, 1:30-2:30 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Tix: $5 per child, $8 per adult or $20 in advance for a family of 4. Proceeds benefit the JCC's Afterschool Program scholarships and Young Audiences of the Bay Area. Info/res: 346-6040.

humorous & knowledgable book, *The Queen's Throat*, which attempts to explain why gay men like opera. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

"Among My Wigs," Gay comic Mark Davis brings his stable of edgy characters to Josie's for a one-week run of his new comedy. Show plays Wed-Sun, 3/10-14 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 3/12. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAR 11 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 3/25 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End support group for gay youth ages 14-23 meets tonight, see 3/4 listing for details.

AIDS Writing Wkshop for Survivors & Caregivers: 12-wk writing workshop specifically designed for AIDS survivors and caregivers, led by Bay Area novelist & short story writer James Breeden. 7-9 pm tonight thru 5/27, $95. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info/res: James Breeden 661-1952. Wkshop is not a critical writing course, it is intended to help participants actually write down their experiences and feelings within a safe environment, and share with others who have been in the same place.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: See *The Burning Times*, a one-hour documentary on the witch burning that swept thru medieval Europe. Film provides an understanding of how the widespread church & state-sanctioned torture and killing of women set the stage for modern society's cultural acceptance of violence against women. 7 pm, donations accepted. Presented by Born of Women. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Designing the Bay Area: The Gay Contribution," humorous & informative talk & slideshow by environmental historian Gray Brechin at Modern Times Bookstore. Brechin outs some of the major architects, artists & patrons of the past, revealing a hidden gay geography, and speculates about why so many hid their proclivities behind miserable marriages. 7:30 pm, $5. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246. Spons by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society.

New Horizons support/social group for young gay adults meets tonight, see 3/4.

"Among My Wigs," with gay comic Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 3/10.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: An eve of slides, conversation & song with photographer Laurie Edison and writer Debbie Notkin to celebrate their book-in-progress "Women en Large," a book of powerful & liberating photos of fat nudes. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefits "Women En Large" and Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Guitarist/singer Cathe Cashman, folksinger/composer Jo D'Ana, plus acoustic originals with Anna-Lisa Smoker. 8 pm, $2-5. Dinner & refreshments available. 2072 San Pablo at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Glamazon: *A Different Kind of Girl*, a new feature-length film by Chinese/Filipino/Mexican American filmmaker Rico Martinez; a semi-documentary, semi-fictional account of the brazen life of Barbara LeMay, sixty-something, transsexual, burlesque dancer and ex-circus freak. Her life is followed from her early days as Sammy Hoover from West Virginia (where she returns to chat with her old lesbian coalmining buddies) thru her life today. Along the way, she delivers maternal advice to aspiring strippers, recalls her circus days, and stages a dramatic reunion with her childhood sweetheart Stella. Film airs as part of the 1993 Asian American International Film Showcase (3/11-18 at the Kabuki Cinema). 11 pm screening is co-spons by Frameline. For tix & other info call 863- 0814.

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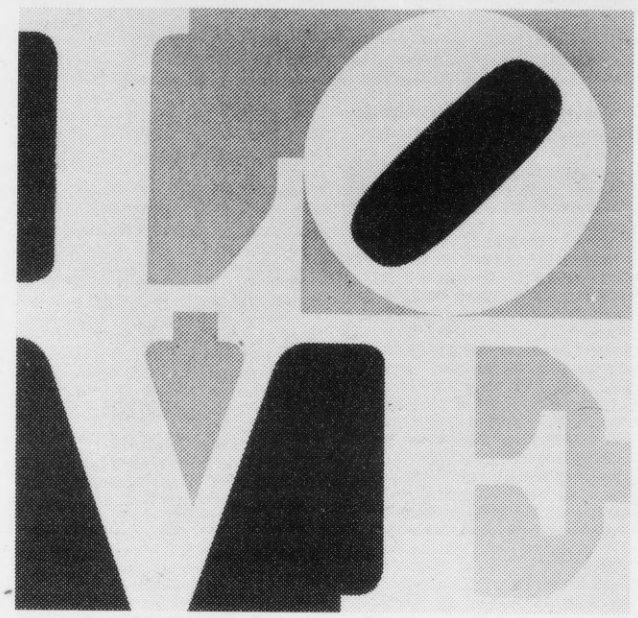

The work of Robert Indiana and others displayed in SF MOMA's Pop Art show thru May 23.

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Dior's Basic Black," six ensembles by Christina Dior from 1949-1956; on exhibit thru 3/7. "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850- 1903); thru 5/2. "Symphonies on Stone: Lithographs by James McNeill Whistler," thru 5/9. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; 3/20-9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, 3/4-6/6. "On Kawara: Date Paintings in 89 Cities," paintings by conceptual artist On Kawara, on exhibit thru 4/11. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Willliam Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit thru 5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, on exhibit thru 5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: "About-Face," a mask invitational involving Bay Area artists from a variety of ethnic backgrounds in a timely dialogue on Black-Jewish relations. Participating artists created masks which integrate themes of the Jewish festival of Purim with themes from the museum's recent exhibit "Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews." Hrs: Sun-Wed 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-7 pm. 121 Steuart St, SF. Info: 543-8880.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Annie Leibovitz Photographs," exhibit covering 20 years' worth of work, thru 3/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: Kim Abeles, "Presidential Commemorative Smog Plates," Hans Staartjes, "Televisionary Manifesto," Kelly Wood, "Lurch," on exhibit 3/4-4/10, opening reception 3/5, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Edith Caldwell Gallery: Exhibit of etchings & drawings by Erik Desmazieres, on exhibit 3/4-30. Opening reception 3/4, 5-7:30 pm. Artist gives informal lecture on his work & printmaking on 3/6 at 11 am, free; call ahead to reserve if you wish to attend. 215 Post St, SF, 2nd floor. Hrs: Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Info: 989-5414.

Eye Gallery: "Clinton: Portrait of Victory," photos by PF Bentley, documenting the remarkable Clinton presidential campaign. On exhibit thru 3/20. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Robert Dana Gallery: Group show of oils on canvas by 4 emerging figurative artists from Europe, Mexico & the United States: Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres, Giovanni Mancini & Dmitry Strizhov. Exhibit runs 2/25-3/29. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Sarah Moon: Unlikeness," recent photos by the French photographer & filmmaker, thru 2/27. "Notorious," exhibit of recent photographs by Herb Ritts, begins 3/4. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," on exhibit 2/27-4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, 2/27-4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "The Edison Effect," an exhibit of interactive sculptures by Paul DeMarinis; thru 3/20. Ernie Gehr Film Retrospective, 2/25-3/7, call for program details & showtimes. "Revolution:' Into the 2nd Century," exhibit of work by artists who taught or studied at SFAI on exhibit thru March 6 at One Market Plaza, SF. SFAI, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Stamp Francisco Gallery: "Realistic Paperfolding: New Dimensions of a Square," exhibit of new works by local & internationally acclaimed origami artists; thru 3/20. 466 8th St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-3 pm. Info: 252-5975.

University Art Museum: "Edvard Munch and His Models, 1912-1944" on exhibit thru 3/21. "Gentle-man Friends," exhibit of bookbinding work by Jonathan Hammer, thru 4/18. "Jim & Sylvia," an installation by Lutz Bacher, on exhibit thru 4/18. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Ciao Antonioni: The Complete Works of Michelangelo Antonioni," 15 programs screened 3/5-4/18, a complete retrospective of the work of one of international cinema's most important directors. Antonioni will attend the first program in the series, 3/5 at 7:30 pm adv tix purchase is recommended. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Vision Gallery: "Godfrey Frankel: Vintage & Modern Prints," on exhibit thru 3/27. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

MACE Space for Art: "Destiny's Feast," powerful mixed media installation by Stephanie Wilger, dealing with issues of fecundity, sexuality, spirituality, gender & duality. On exhibit 3/9-4/10, artist's reception 3/12, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Richmond Art Center: "A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects & Proposals," exhibit examining the role of artists from different ethnic & cultural groups in public art in Calif, thru 3/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Cards 'N Jazz Sports Art Gallery: Hrs: 10 am-4 pm. 1528 Pacific Ave at Polk, SF. Info: 474-1096.

ATA Gallery: "The Squeaky Dimension," a window installation of Allen White's twisted-balloon interpretation of the world. Thru February at Artists' Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

ARU Gallery: Group show, works by printmakers Xavier Viramontes & Hideo C Yoshida; plus exhibit of floral vessels by six artists—Anne Black, Mary Button Durell, Perry Hoffman, Elisa Jimenez, Dianne Romaine & Don Suyeyasu. On exhibit 3/3-4/3, opening reception 3/5, 6-8:30 pm. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: "A Stitch in Time," exhibit of fiber arts works by Rose Kelly, Joanna Lindsly, Sara Long, Faith Ringgold, Ed Rossbach, Susan Thompson & Katherine Westphal; thru 2/28. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

The Owl Gallery: Exhibit of works by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 9 am-9 pm, Sun & Mon 10 am-6 pm. Info: 781-5464.

Anti-Matter Space for Art: "Afterword," group show featuring the work of five local artists "linked together by their use of language as the primary force of the work." 190 Capp St, SF.

The LAB Gallery: "The Lifted Veil," an exhibit of black & white pen & ink drawings by Andrea Brewster. Thru 3/13. Hrs: Wed-Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 346-4063.

New Langton Arts Gallery: "The Ship," a site-specific installation by contemporary Norwegian artist Bente Stokke; on exhibit thru 3/20. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Meridian Gallery: "Divinations," paintings & sculpture by Robert Kostka, on exhibit thru 3/27. Closing slide lecture by the artist, "On the Edge of Memory," 3/27 at 4 pm. "Heroes," photography by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie, on exhibit 4/1-5/1, opening recepiton 4/1, 6-8 pm. Closing slide lecture by the artist, 5/1 at 4 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.

Oakland Museum: "Songs of My People," exhibit of over 150 black & white images taken by 46 African-American photographers throughout the United States, on exhibit thru 3/7. "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit 2/27-5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Ghia Gallery: "Figure it Out," exhibit of work by 17 Bay Area artists in a wide variety of media, dealing with the human figure. 3/5-4/3; opening recpetion 4/5, 6-9 pm; artist's talks 3/5, 7-10 pm. 2648 3rd St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 282-2832.

Intersection Gallery: "If I Were a Pigeon," installation by Reiko Goto on exhibit thru 2/27. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-4:30 pm. Info: 626-2787.

"John LeFlore: Paintings & Drawings," on exhibit thru 4/15 at Bagdad Cafe, 2295 Market St, SF. Info: 621-4431.

"Backyard Views," lithographic, intaglio & relief prints by Ethan Bryson on exhibit thru 4/17 at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut at 18th, SF. Info: 641-1440.

"Fertile Flames: African Fertility Dolls & AIDS Micrographic Images," exhibit of paintings & neon mixed media art work by Oden Santiago. Santiago merges fine art & medical art, using fertility dolls with micrographic images of sperm and AIDS. On exhibit thru March at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

"From Kampuchea to Eddy Street," mixed/media collage, a Cambodian contemporary arts project. Group show featuring the work of 8 Cambodian refugee women: Sith Ouch, Rath Kan, Luk Kan, Pum Seing Aing, Soeun IV, Tho Soh IV, Leang Ngin and Phy Hem. Thru 3/6 at The Luggage Store, 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm. Info: 255-5971.

"Edifice Complex," architectural works on paper by Karen Wesler. On exhibit 3/1-27 at 595 Market St, SF. 8 am-6 pm Mon-Fri. Info: 512-6801.

Recent Paintings by Louise, Agnes Gabriel Regis, on exhibit at Mind Frame Gallery, 6522 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Thru 3/12. Info: (510) 658-8226.

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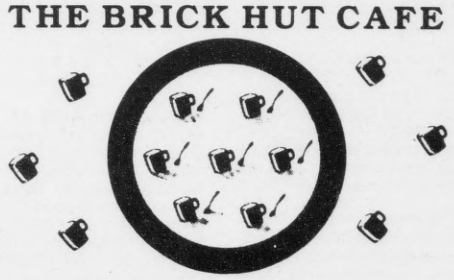

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Livin' on Salvation Street by Terry Gardner. Comedy details one eventful week in the life of three generations of an all-female Kentucky family, circa 1958. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Previews 3/25-26, runs 3/27-5/1. Tix $11-17. For showtimes, res & other info call 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Black Teeth: An Obscene, Deliberately Repellent, Mean Piece of Work by Mel Clay. Play about a wine connoisseur, a big-game sport fisherman and a woman chained to the wall. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Play opens 2/26, runs Fri-Sat at 9 pm, thru 3/27. Tix $12. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings, a dramatic adaptation of the transcripts of the Senate confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, by Mame Hunt, conceived by Larry Eilenberg. Magic Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 3/28. Tix $12-21. Magic Theatre Northside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Lisa Gray in "Three Little Words," at the Blue Muse. Award-winning cabaret/musical theater performer Lisa Gray in a two-week engagement featuring a unique evening of songs exploring love, from warm to wicked. Gray gives separate song sets devoted to each of the words "I," "Love" and "You". Opens 3/4 at 9 pm, runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/14. Thurs-Sat at 9 pm, Sun at 8 pm. Tix $10. 409 Gough St at Hayes, SF. Info/res: 626-7505.

Twyla's Boy by Charles E Polly. Uproarious, first-hand account of growing up gay in the hills and hollers of Appalachian Kentucky; an intimate expose of a rural family struggling with contemporary definitions of home. The Marsh production. Play runs 3/4-28 at 8:30 pm. Tix: $7-10 SL fee on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat ($10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged). The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Dark Cowgirls & Prairie Queens by Linda Parris-Bailey. Dramatization of the lives of African American women in the Old West (1830-1890). Carpetbag Theatre Ensemble production. Play runs 2/25-3/7; Thurs-Sat at 8 pm; matinees Sat at 2 pm & Sun at 3 pm. Tix $11-25. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St nr 14th, downtown Oakland. Info/res: (510) 238-7222.

Dates by Asian AIDS Project staff & volunteers. New one-act play, a funny & heart-warming play chronicling events in the lives of three friends as they grapple with Asian & Pacific Islander identity, intimacy & sexuality in the face of HIV. Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theatre production. Show runs thru 2/28 at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 861-8972.

Big Butt Girls, Hard-Headed Women One-woman show starring Rhodessa Jones. Show is a series of monologues collected from Jones' initial work as an aerobics instructor in the SF county jails, telling the stories of the women she taught there. Cultural Odyssey production. Play runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 3/5-7 & 3/12-14. Tix $15 eve performances, $10 Sun matinees. Central YMCA Theater, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info/res: 885-0460.

Towards a Short Theatre: Four fairly short plays, production by Theatre Pomegranate. See **The Man With a Flower in his Mouth** by Pirandello; **Seven Deadlies** by Joan Bruemmer, Raquel Cion & Nina Gold; **Monster Mind** by Thalia DeWolf; and **Orgasmo Adulto Escapes from the Zoo** by Franca Rame & Dario Fo. Fri-Sat at 8 pm, 2/26-3/6. Tix $5-10 SL. 21 Bernice Theatre, 21 Bernice St, SF.

Butley by Simon Gray. Serious comedy about a hard-bitten & cynical man, brilliant & devious in his thought & language. The Chamber Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 3/6. Somar Theater, 934 Brannan at 9th, SF. Tix $12.50 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Info/res: 931-6011.

I'm Not Perfect, touching, funny one-man solo performance cum emotional travelogue centered on growing up in a Jewish neighborhood in Boston. Play explores the back-and-forth struggle of becoming a person while being a performer. Play opens 3/10, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 3/28. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 751-2600.

Awed Behavior by Rinde Eckert, music composed by Paul Dresher. New opera theatre work inspired by the lives & works of Mary & Percy Bysshe Shelley. Play focuses on two lovers, a poet & a novelist, as they explore their individual creative processes as well as personal interactions, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous; each character envisions fantasies & nightmares of the other, blurring the fact & fiction of their mythic relationship into monsters of their own creation. Paul Dresher Ensemble production. Runs Wed-Sun 3/24-28. Tix $16.50 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $18.50 Fri & Sat. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

Runaways words & music by Elizabeth Swados. Hard-hitting, socially relevant musical about a group of young people who have run away from their homes and are living on the streets. New Conservatory Theatre production. Play runs 3/18-27; Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. $10. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Passion of Dracula by Bob Hall & David Richmond. Terrifying & amazing, play pumps new blood into this old war horse. Pacifica Spendthrift Players production. Runs 3/5-27 at Oddstad Theatre, 1050 Crespi Dr, Pacifica. Info/res: 359-8002.

Fish Head Soup by Philip Kan Gotanda. Matt Iwasaki returns home after having faked his death 5 years before. He's been to Japan, had a minor epiphany about his Asianness, and now wants his family to mortgage their house so he can make a movie about Japanese Americans. When he returns home, however, he finds his household very changed. Asian American Theater Company production. Previews 3/3-8, opens 3/9 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 4/4. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Don James a new comedy written & performed by Theatre Au Naturel. Don James, the famous Italian lover, & his servant Andrew, return home after littering the continent of Europe with the satisfied bodies of thousands of women. Upon his return home, James is confronted by a woman who accuses him of rape, and the statue of her father. Play opens 3/5, runs Thurs-Sat at 7 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 3/28. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 751-2600.

Noises Off! by Michael Frayn. Backstage theater farce; a hilarious look at everything that could go wrong in a theatrical performance. Cabaret Theatre production. Opens 3/5, runs Fri-Sat thru 4/3. tix $7 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Cabaret Theatre, Adelphian Club Bldg, corner of Central Ave & Walnut St, Alameda. Info/res: (510) 521-9554.

Volpone by Ben Jonson. Berkeley Rep production of the 1606 savage comedy. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Thurs matinees at 2 pm, thru 3/5. Tix: Tues-Thurs & Sun $24, Fri & Sat $31, matinees $23. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Limited engagement of this popular show, produced by Artfull Circle Theatre Inc. Thru 2/28. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat, $15 & $17 at door. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

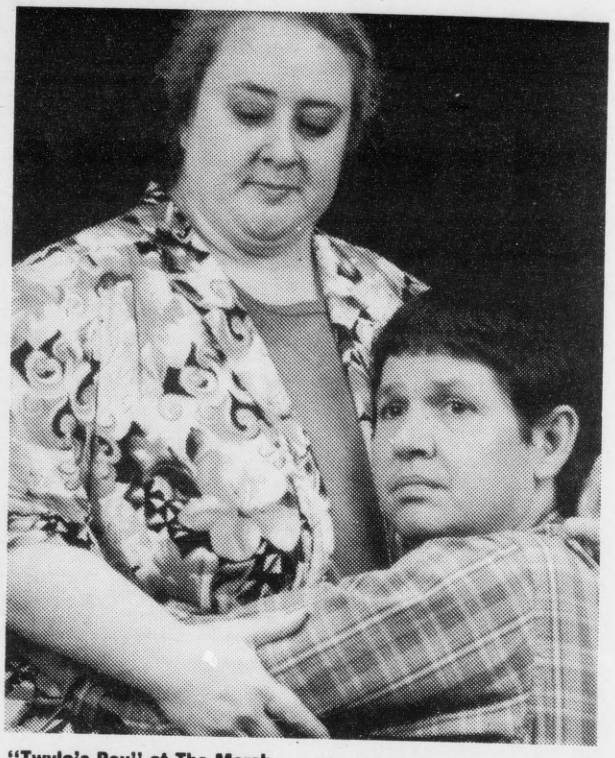
Raft of the Medusa by Joe Pintauro. Hard-hitting play about people—white, Black, Hispanic, male, female, gay, straight, bisexual, single, married, professional and blue collar—living with HIV. Play was an off-Broadway hit in NY. Actors Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/7, Sun at 2 pm on 2/28. Tix $14-16. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Dolls by Phillip R Ford. A drama with music, based on the film *Valley of the Dolls*. An all-new, cross-gender, multimedia musical stage adaptation of the camp classic. A Playstitute production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/6. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF.

The Trojan Women, Tadashi Suzuki's contemporary adapation of the Euripides tragedy to post WWII Japan. Play runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/7. Theatre of Yugen production. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Tix $8-12 SL. Info/res: 621-0507.

Temporary Girl by Lisa Kotin. Hilarious one-woman show, a multimedia exploration of the darker side of the life of an office temp. The Marsh production. Plays Thurs-Sun thru 2/28. Tix $8 Sun, $7-10 SL on Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Hamlet by William Shakespeare. Subterranean Shakespeare revives their successful 1989 production featuring Stanley Spenger's brilliant performance as Hamlet & Michael Cawelti's stunning combat choreography. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/27. Thurs-Sat shows at 7 pm, dinner seating available at 6:30 pm. Sun shows start at 1 pm, lunch seating available at 12:30. LaVal's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 540-7743. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdts/srs. No performance on 3/28.



"Twyla's Boy" at The Marsh. OnStage has info. Photo by Shane Kackay

We Are Here... Dark Divas. Avant-garde dinner show featuring storytelling monologues, poetry & songs about "loving a man from his head to toes and all the paradise in between." The Dark Divas are Ross Hanna & Uthra (aka Lorenzo Buford). 3/1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at Muchachas Restaurant, 4238 18th St, SF. Tix $25 dinner & show, no-host bar. Seating limited. Info/res: 929-1430.

Jumping the Broom: Theatre Rhino presents their new comic revue of scenes looking at the creativity & contradictions of gay & lesbian weddings. Writers include Robert Patrick, Suzanne Sherman, Joel Ensana, Dean Backus, Sam Ambler, Dave DeChristopher, Brad Erickson, John Hogan, Jimmy Phillips & Charles Polly. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 2/28. Tix $8. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res 861-5079.

Woman in Mind by Alan Ayckbourn. Dark comedy about a housewife named Susan married to a boring cleric named George. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/6. Tix $11 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs on Thurs; $13 Fri & Sat. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Info/res: 941-5228.

Guys & Dolls, last year's Tony Award-winning musical runs thru 3/6 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Market & Golden Gate, SF. For tix & other info call (510) 762-BASS.

Crimes in Hot Countries by Howard Barker. Dark comedy full of political absurdism.. Set in an unnamed British military outpost after WWI, the play pits a range of garrulous characters of both sexes against one another. Central Works production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 3/27. St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services is a multicultural organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. HIV+ support groups include Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling, and ongoing African-American specific, multicultural & transgender groups. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease. Tues 5:30-7 pm, free. Led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required. Call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

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Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Cogender Bisocial Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.

Women Incest Survivors: Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview purposes, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. $10 handling fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1.

Jewish Lesbian & Gay Program of the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival seeks entries covering a wide range of issues & concerns of lesbian & gay Jews including: Lesbians & gays and/or AIDS in Israel, Global AIDS, the Holocause & Jewish Community Response, Queer Jews & Activism, Queer Jews & Jewish Tradition, Queer Jews & the Lesbian/Gay Community. The goal of the program is to screen works which examine both lesbian & gay & Jewish identity and illuminate larger questions of race, class & sexuality for the lesbian & gay community in general. For more info & entry forms contact Marc Smolowitz, guest curator, Frameline, 346 9th St, SF 94103 or call 703-8650, 252-9363. Fax: 861-1404. Deadline: 3/1.

Gay & Lesbian Street Fair Participants & Spectators: Photographer seeks statements/narratives for submission with photographers's portfolio on SF's major gay & lesbian street events (Pride Parade, Folsom & Castro Street Fairs, and Halloween). Select one event & write a one-two-page essay on what that event means to you. If book is published & your statement used, you will receive $50 for each statement, and free copy of the book. Send statements to: Steve Cassidy Photography, 400 Dubooce St, No. 318, SF 94117 or call 905-4453 for more info. Deadline: 4/12.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha

(510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.
Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

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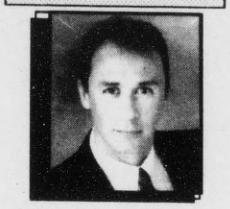

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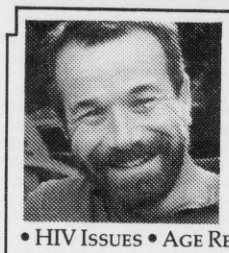

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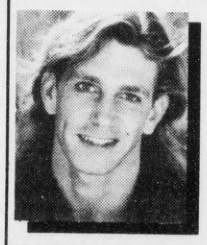

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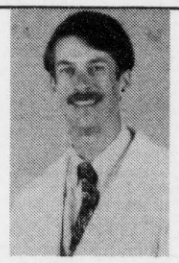

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Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Asian AIDS Project's Live Like This Theatre presents "Dates." OnStage has info.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for the melting pot luck in our homes. All ages, singles, couples, multiracial, are welcome! Open to all diversity, come join in! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italieno. Last Friday eve of each month. Call 824-2323.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month. SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF

& EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professional clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren

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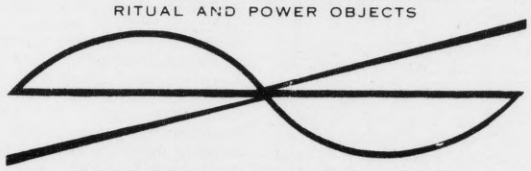

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Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.

SAGA North Ski Club: Social club for gay & lesbian downhill skiiers of all ability levels. Monthly mtgs throughout the ski season, and trips to Park City, Jackson Hole, Tahoe, etc. Info: 995-2772.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 824-2512.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets 3rd Wed of each month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! Info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-In Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

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Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4659 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

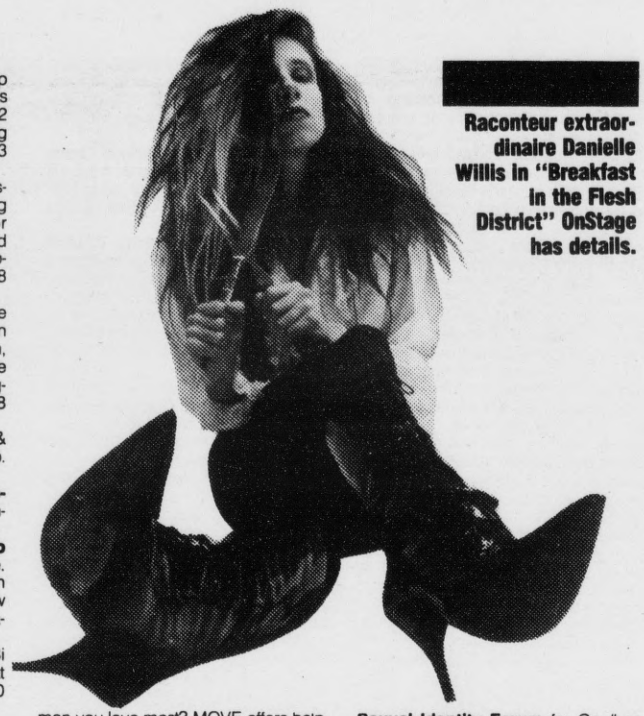
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.



Raconteur extraordinaire Danielle Willis in "Breakfast in the Flesh District" OnStage has details.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Cogender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

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Claire of the Moon: Two women, one passion, express verbiage.

Finding Just the Right Verbiage

I had intended to write about something completely different, but when the opportunity arose to interview Nicole Conn, I thought, "Hey, why not?" After all, while I have serious reservations about *Claire of the Moon*, what better way to exorcise them than to speak with the director/writer of this story that is being pitched as "one woman's journey into her sexual identity"?

Though eager to see a lesbian-themed film, I had felt pretty alienated from *Claire*, finding the characters pedantic and annoyingly upwardly mobile. I was feeling pretty down on the film until I spoke with a friend of mine, a woman who is, shall we say, beginning to make that journey. When I started to tell her about this film I'd just seen, I got a jolt, realizing it might say something to her that it didn't to me. I find it hard to relate to exclusively white, wealthy characters who speak like textbooks and drink like fish, all the while agonizing over that mysterious journey. As the character Noel might say, it's just not my metier.

But, for my friend? Well, here's a young, semi-professional woman coming out of a three-year relationship with a man and looking around at her options. She's someone who makes jokes about whether she should be an earthmuffin or a designer dyke. Maybe, I thought, she'd have a different take on *Claire*.

Indeed, when I described the film, she got quite excited and declared she just had to see it. This is someone who would never feel comfortable going to a lesbian and gay film festival and who, when I invited her to the parade three years ago, brought her boyfriend and then burst into tears on Castro Street. But, when I told her *Claire* was playing at the Northside in Berkeley, she positively jumped for joy.

"You mean it's mainstream?" she asked. Well, yes. "I have to go see it," she said. She had to dip her toe into this elusive "lifestyle," and *Claire* seemed just the way to do it. I can't report on her reaction to the film, but it does put things in a new light. No doubt about it. There is a market for a cozy, unthreatening film like *Claire*.

Conn intended the film to be upbeat and romantic, even if the execution disappointed her at times. She's the first to say parts of the film make her cringe. Which parts, I wonder? The Southern romance writer named Tara O'Hara? The gallery of writers prattling on about finding the proper "verbiage" to explore intimacy? A Jaguar-driving, hard-drinking, gold-tipped-cigarette-smoking lead character who plays piano when she's not boffing faceless men? Those are the parts that tempted me to cringe.

In fact, at times this "lesbian love story for the '90s" struck me more as a lesbian *Reefer Madness*, which is to say many of its meaningful exchanges came across as unintentionally hilarious. An inquisitive Claire to Noel: "What about this pornography thing?" There's a conversation starter.

OK, maybe it's a cultural thing. Maybe I've been spoiled by having access to lesbian short films. Maybe I'm just too jaded from living in SF to make a serious attempt to identify with these earnest professionals. I told Nicole Conn as much, and we had quite a stimulating conversation about the film's relationship to the lesbian community.

For many, the bottom line will be that *Claire of the Moon* is a feature film with a lesbian story made by a lesbian. I agree that's important. For all its shortcomings, *Claire* is a handsome film with some good performances and a strong lesbian angle, partially undermined by some weak writing and dubious directing choices.

I think my disappointment stems from really wanting to identify with a character beyond the general label of "lesbian." The one really dykey lesbian (complete with flannel shirt) is an alcoholic, which I find disturbing. Granted, most films never seem to have the full range of characters and situations we want in them. What's one more film that doesn't have anybody with whom I can identify? I'm probably just suffering from *Desert Hearts* withdrawal. After all, it's been seven years since the last lesbian feature. At this rate, we'll have gender parity in um, let's see... the year 3522, maybe?

The fact that I didn't like this particular film weighed rather heavily on me, precisely because there isn't another one just around the corner. There's very little freedom of choice when it comes to lesbian features. Perhaps this isn't my particular lesbian aesthetic. Regular readers will recall I didn't dig the Margie Adam concert either.

"Was there anything you liked?" Conn asks me toward the end of our very amicable conversation. Well, yes, I say, noting the scenes I felt stand out, the look of the film, the sound quality, and the focus on women. Great soundtrack, too. There's a wonderful scene with the women dancing to a Teresa Trull song.

I'm sure my lukewarm, if honest, critique doesn't help her mood any. Conn is feeling pretty bruised after bringing the film to SF, where she says it was "demolished" by critics. It's not that she minds criticism based on her filmmaking. She is well aware of its lapses, which she attributes to budget restrictions and her own inexperience as a filmmaker. "I'm really proud of the work we put together for $180,000," she says.

No, it's the *political* objections raised that bother her. "That's San Francisco," I say, with a certain amount of civic pride. "It's very politicized here," and need I say, one reason I call it home. Without the politics, it would be what? L.A., perhaps?

Conn disavows any responsibility for political content in the film. "I'm not politically correct. I didn't write a story with a political message," she says. In fact, she suggests all lesbians looking for a political film donate $5 to get one made. Point noted.

"The community is so judgmental," she says. *Claire*, after all, is intended to be one woman's journey into her sexuality. "*One* woman's," she stresses. It is, it turns out, largely Conn's journey, as the character of Claire is based on her, as are some of her less desirable habits, like excessive drinking. Noting she herself is a recovering alcoholic, Conn says, "The point is we need to see all of our lives on the screen. There's a very large segment of the community that has alcohol and drug problems."

She has a similar explanation for Claire's heterosexual escapades. "Claire is at a crossroads. She's really fucked. It's not unlike the journey I went through. A lot of lesbians have had straight sex. We didn't know any better. The false start thing happens to a lot of us. My struggle lasted one-and-a-half years. I went back and forth between men and women more times than I care to remember. I just didn't want to have it happen."

Her tone is alternately weary, defensive and bemused in trying to make sense of the wide disparity of responses the film has gotten. Audiences love the film in L.A., where, she acknowledges, "The community is so much more mainstream and integrated." Dispirited by the political sniping, she asks, "How can we bridge the gap between a person who's not a political artist and someone who believes every statement is political?" It's a question worth asking and one for which I don't have the answer. Maybe by talking about it?

The problem, of course, is that when you have to wait five years or more for a full-length lesbian film, each one counts. A lot. And that's something we all can agree on. Says Conn, "If there was only one lesbian feature every five years and I didn't see anyone I could relate to on the screen, I'd be disappointed, too." I couldn't agree more.

ENDNOTES

I was happy to see Kim Gordon include *There's a Dyke in the Pit* in her top ten of '92 list in *Rolling Stone*. So, we have something in common. Kim and the rest of Sonic Youth play the Warfield Mar. 5. The International Women's Day demo is Mar. 8. Other events are being scheduled before and after it. Call (415) 995-4735 for details. ✿

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Men Dancers: The Ted Shawn Legacy

by Gene Price

Eight of Jacob's Pillow's male dancers breezed into town last weekend for two performances at the Herbst Theatre in a Ted Shawn tribute. Opening night's sold-out and wildly enthusiastic house, mostly male, was treated to an eclectic program featuring dances by Shawn, Jose Limon, Pilobolus and our own High Risk Group's Rick Darnell.

A teacher and pioneer in modern dance, Shawn, along with his then-wife Ruth St. Denis—taught such dance greats as Charles Weidman, Doris Humphrey and Martha Graham. He created his first all-male dance group in 1933 and based it at his farm, Jacob's Pillow, Mass., which is still the site of America's oldest dance festival. The concert was put together by the present festival's executive director, Samuel A. Miller, to commemorate what would have been Shawn's 100th birthday.

The eight featured works all paid tribute to the uniquely masculine athletic style of movement that was the signature of Shawn's choreography. An excerpt from Limon's *The Unsung* (1970) featured the troupe in an elegy for eight Native American tribal chieftains. Against a backdrop of a silent 1930s sepia-toned film of Shawn and his men dancers performing *Kinetic Molpai*, the dancers first approached the apron of the stage and recited Ann Carlson's *Ode* (a litany of words previously associated with male dancers, such as "sissy" and "effeminate," some with openly sexual connotations). Then they stripped off their ties and street suits—shedding the stigma of old associations, and went to work in their dance briefs. Emphasizing strong athletic movement, they stamped, shuffled, leaped with abandon and created storytelling arm gestures to Limon's elegy.

An excerpt from Kelin's *The Garden Alone* provided some witty interaction between dancers Yoav Kaddar and Peter Kipe, and Shawn's *The Mevlevi Dervish*, a not particularly innovative interpretation of a Syrian religious sect, was danced by Gary L. Lund. (A ballet dancer, male or female, twirling on *one* foot is a more amazing feat in *my* book.)

Major audience hit of the program was Rick Darnell's *Brides of Frankenstein*, where five men in weird shiny tutu-looking skirts and one man in a black slip set about deconstructing sexuality, gender, and classical and modern dance in a free-for-all athletic "tag" romp. *Brides* left the audience gasping when one or more of the men threw himself across the floor or into another's arms, upending his naked buttocks and, in a number of cases, exposing to prying eyes the extent of his family jewels. Notwithstanding its sexual tease, *Brides* is the most innovative and surprisingly impudent work I've seen. Choreographer Darnell made a guest appearance.

Pilobolus dance group's 1972 *Ocellus* featured four dancers in a closely-knit, hypnotically interwoven moving sculpture that was not so much erotic as it was mystically sensual. Petronio's *Surrender II* and Garth Fagan's *Oatka Trail* preceded the second half's major work, Shawn's own 11-movement *Kinetic Molpai*, a dance journey expressing through kinetic values "those levels of consciousness which are beyond the power of other arts."

Wearing only flared buckskin trousers, the men appeared once more against the filmed backdrop of the Shawn troupe and danced the original choreography. The free-form work suggested more than anything the angular, stylized profiles of dancers freed from the frozen silhouettes of a Grecian urn. Oddly enough, as I watched the repetitive, over-long piece, I was surprised to see in one movement or another strong suggestions of patterns and attitudes previously choreographed by Nijinsky for the faun and his startled maidens in the once-shocking "Afternoon of a Faun."

SF Ballet: On Its Toes

The second program of the SF Ballet's new season offered something old and something new and was an enthusiastic hit with balletomanes of both classical and contemporary persuasions.

Con Brio, Helgi Thomasson's choreographic tribute to the pure and disciplined elegance of 19th-century ballet—as reflected in lithographs from the 1840s and '50s—delivers the best of both worlds. The brief work unleashes some unabashedly romantic divertissements devoid of coy posturing, and the delightful and refreshingly virile solo work of Ming-Hai Wu and Alexi Zubiria—the former lithe, graceful and refined, the latter exhibiting an athleticism with power to spare. Julia Adam, Galina Alexandrova and Sabina Allemann bring a contemporary temperament to their recreations of traditional ballerina images from the past.

Aunis, a 1979 work by Jacques Garnier for three male dancers, features an accordion score by Maurice Pacher made up of a waltz, tango and gigue. It is danced with a brash and breezy spontaneity by Christopher Anderson, Peter Brandenhoff and Eric Hoisington.

Nanna's Leid, a Thomasson world premiere, features nine songs by Kurt Weill and one by Friedrich Hollander. Francine Lancaster is the soprano soloist and Denis de Coteau conducts. Scott Zielinski's lighting creates powerful, shadowy images as John MacFarlane's enormous expressionistic walls slant and shift to accommodate Nanna's wandering.

Elizabeth Loscavia as the young Nanna experiences first love and subsequent rejection by a callous lover, a theme explicitly reinforced by the lyrics of "Die Moritat von Mackie Messer" and the resigned despair of "Surabaya Johnny." Loscavia moves as eloquently as a leaf in the air as she dances the innocent Nanna. Once used by the seductive physicality of dancer Anthony Randazzo as Johnny, her movements take on a darker color. She is picked up briefly by the dandified roue Jacob Schmidt (a menacing portrayal by Val Caniparoli), rejects an invitation to join up with a couple of streetwalkers, meets her Johnny for another fleeting pass, and wanders on. Julia Adam, Kristine Peary, Max Fuqua and Paul Gibson play her anonymous midnight companions.

Lew Christensen's *Filling Station*, staged by Robert Gladstein and scored by Virgil Thomson, ends the program. Premiered in 1938, it is a cartoon tableau that may well have seemed fresh and typically American when I first saw it in the '40s. Time has not been kind to it, though audiences still seem to enjoy its silly scenario. It's basically a parade of caricatures involving a filling station attendant (David Justin), a lost motorist with wife and obnoxious child, a state trooper, a gangster, and a rich, inebriated couple in evening clothes (Val Caniparoli and Joanna Berman). Is there a cliche left unaccounted for? Mostly it's the kind of posturing and mugging that once passed for wit, but is now old-fashioned camp.

The decor and costumes were designed by Paul Cadmus, well-known for adding bulges in all the right places on the sailors he painted. In *Filling Station*, he has added some rather enormous bulges to the front and rear of the motorist's wife, a bit of grotesquerie possibly amusing in 1938—not today.

The program repeats on Mar. 10 and 12. Tickets available at the Opera House box office or any BASS outlet, or call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

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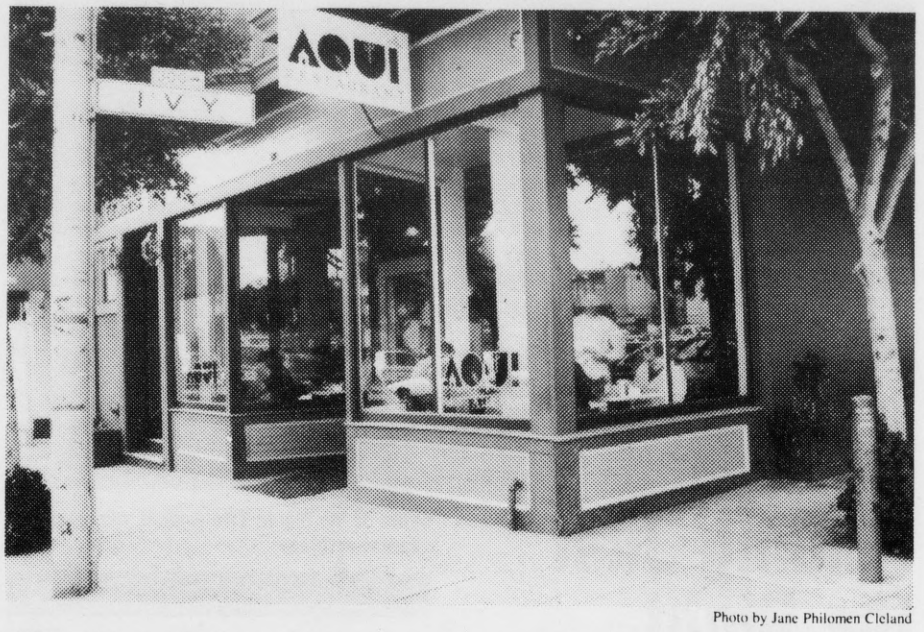
BY WILLIAM FINKLE



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Civic Center Restaurant Misses the Mark

In case this review comes off a bit too glib, too sarcastic, and too scathing, let me state here that I wanted to like **Aqui**, I really did. The oilcloth-covered tables with plenty of space between, ochre stucco walls, and Mexican motif throughout make the restaurant a warm and sunny addition to the burgeoning area near the Civic Center. The cavernous one-room restaurant consists of a front area with high windows looking onto Gough Street, an open kitchen in the middle, and a more secluded rear area.

The owners, Marco Diana and Aurelio Lioi, remodeled the place themselves, modestly and quaintly. Diana, a former employee of nearby Caffe delle Stelle, the Fairmont, and Tutto Bene, oversees the front of the house, while his partner Lioi, a graduate of a Swiss culinary program, takes care of the kitchen. Having lived in Mexico for several years, Lioi has some experience with Latin American cuisine, but the pair has hired a Mexican chef just the same. Now that things are under way (Aqui has been open three weeks), the chef is beginning to experiment with some daily specials.

We ordered a bowl of **Tortillas y Salsa** ($1.50), and disappointment set in. These thick—verging on stale—chips were not much improved by dipping into the salsa of chopped tomato, onion and cilantro, apparently seasoned with stale black pepper and nothing else. Of all the dishes we sampled, only two of the appetizers piqued my interest: the **Sopes** ($4.50) consisted of thick little tortillas topped with shredded chicken in a spicy chile sauce with rings of red onion, cilantro sprigs, sour cream and fiery serrano chilies completing the taste, and the **Quesillo Asado** ($4), which was a fabulous concoction of melted (not "grilled") jack cheese, caramelized onions, tomatillo sauce and serranos, served in a soup bowl. A floundering plate of utterly indifferent **Guacamole** ($4) cried out for salt, for garlic, for life, dammit, for life! and something about the **Cocktail de Camarones** ($4) made me shiver. Arranged on a halved avocado, four shrimp (these were definitely shrimp, not prawns) had been marinated in lime juice, but not enough to cook them through, resulting in a squishy, ceviche-like dish without the flavor or finesse of even the crudest ceviche.

A light Rioja and a big Cabernet, several white wines and six different beers are available, along with Penafiel Mexican sodas and margaritas for a more authentic taste. Some *aguas frescas* would be a welcome addition.

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appetizers: Every plate, priced at around $4, comes with generous portions and an ample serving of chips. So with our four first-course dishes, we had more than enough chips for the whole meal. Why not offer an appetizer sampling, with some of each? Or—hey, here's a novel idea—why not offer a bowl of chips on each table, free!

Our entrees came on huge glass plates shaped like fish, a fun and different presentation. In contrast, totally ordinary food was laid atop the plates, starting with **Bistecas Encebollados** (literally, "oniony steak," $8). Bits, not strips, of grilled flank steak were tossed with caramelized yellow and green grilled onions, with tidy piles of bland cilantro rice, shredded iceberg lettuce crowned with more peppery salsa, and an attractive ensemble of red and black beans. Passable. The **Pollo** ($7.50), or stewed half chicken, brought an enormous half bird with tender potatoes, carrots and the same sides as the steak. Everything was cooked enough and looked appetizing, but someone forgot to put in the flavor. An unfortunate plate of **Camarones Asados** ($8) with all the fixin's brought eight or nine shrimp that were overcooked, tough and tasteless save for the charred bits.

We were told that the **Flan** ($3.50) came either with the traditional caramel sauce or with a strawberry sauce, but only strawberry remained and we opted to try it. The texture of the flan reminded me of cottage cheese, and the sauce—ooh la la—Vick's came to mind. A nice cup of coffee would have helped, but here again my expectations were dashed. Bad coffee. Check please.

An inexpensive meal in a cute atmosphere is good to find. An inexpensive meal with great food is even better, but to reach those heights Aqui needs some work. I'd head back for a couple of the smaller plates, and to see what the chef can do now that he's had some time to sort things out, but I'll walk, not run.

AROUND TOWN

Geordy's (1 Tillman Pl. off Grant) is a new hot spot with plenty of design (it's tasteful—so tasteful it's boring) and downtown pomp. The chef, a former assistant to David Bouley of Manhattan, is Jeffrey Solomon, and he has assembled a menu of tantalizing combinations and cuisines. Unfortunately, the menu wins more raves than the food itself. All of the dishes, save the foie gras ravioli, reminded me of first-class airline food: It all looks pretty, and has color, but where are the intense flavors? If it says curry, I want to taste curry. Are we cooking for my grandmother, who still wears gloves when she goes shopping and stops at the tea counter for lunch? I'm sorry, not for $16 a plate at lunch.

A recent dinner at **Original Joe's #2** (Chestnut at Fillmore) proved that the old OLD Joe's is, thankfully, dead. Does anyone remember this place? It was dark, dank and deserted. Now the complete opposite is true. The place, beautifully redesigned from foundation to ceiling, packs a crowd in around the exhibition kitchen and swank bar area all the time, for pizzas, decent appetizers and hearty, well-executed entrees. With Joe's up and running since May '92, owner Jeffrey Solomon, the king of schmooze, has got himself another winner, along with Original Joe's on Taylor, Julius' Castle, and two others. ✿

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Considering Song Recitals

Solo song recitals remain the truest measure of a singer's musical intelligence, and this fall there is an unusual collection of vocal recitals being performed throughout the Bay Area. From mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli's wildly successful Italian program a few weeks ago (tickets sold out months in advance) to the modest crowds at baritone Sanford Sylvan's performance of Schubert's great song cycle *Die Schone Mullerin*, the wealth of literature presented at these recitals offers a rewarding variety of concert-going experiences, even if the genre is often little understood.

Though often referred to as a threatened art form, it seems difficult to name any single composer who hasn't at one time or another chosen to use the art song genre to express some musical ideas. In fact, as the rich body of song literature shows, many composers have employed the medium to produce some of their most remarkable output. Despite its economy of means (it hardly seems possible to reduce a chamber ensemble to less than a singer and a piano), in the hands of capable interpreters and receptive listeners an art song is a perfect vehicle to express the full range of human emotions. Whether it is pain, suffering, joy, tragedy, death or love (lots of love, in fact—a friend of mine observed that German songs are always about being in love and getting dumped), an art song reflects a microcosm of human experience.

It is unfortunate that contemporary audiences to a great extent seem to have been desensitized to the genre (halls are often only half full at song recitals by professional artists of international rank, making these events economically unsound if at all feasible to produce, except at major metropolitan centers), and these same audiences appear to depend increasingly on the seductive excesses of full-scale opera productions, orchestral sounds of oceanic grandeur and the spectacle of technological wizardry to find the path to the stimulation of their spirit. I instinctively feel there is nothing wrong with seductive excesses—I personally find some excesses extremely seductive—and it is certainly important that a pathway to one's spirit exists in any form. But limiting oneself to a single pathway too exclusively comes at too great a cost to the nurturing of an individual's innermost sensibilities, and those truths which speak most directly to the soul.

As often happens, the most successful recitals are those given by established opera singers. Case in point: Frederica Von Stade's recital at the Opera House this past Monday night. As a well-established mezzo-soprano with a distinguished operatic career, she presented an unusual program (a mixture of Mahler, Schoenberg, Pizetti, Canteloube, Virgil Thomson, Ives, Copland and William Bolcom, as well as an obscure Puccini song) to a near-full War Memorial. The opera audience loved the diva, but was clearly uncomfortable with the format. Lacking a more thorough understanding of the genre and the context of the selections Von Stade offered, the audience hesitatingly but surely succumbed to the operatic practice of bursting into applause at every pause, even in what were supposed to be interpretive silences in the middle of a song cycle (as in Mahler's *Wayfarer* songs). It also happened, most irritatingly, in anticipation of the final note, as it is often done for show-stoppers in Italian opera. While clapping at a wrong moment in itself is no great sin, it does suggest that the listener failed to internalize the message and content of a performance.

Of course, such a setting as the Opera House was not an appropriate environment for a vocal recital to begin with. A song recital requires immediacy of communication, a more intimate space and a deeper understanding and involvement from the audience (lacking any of these, the risks of the event turning into a cure for insomnia are formidable). Truer to the genre, probably, is French baritone Francois Le Roux's (a song specialist) recital this past Wednesday (too late for review) at Herbst Theater (a more modestly sized space, even if not acoustically ideal).

If you'd like to attend a recital that is sure to be worth your time, soprano Emma Kirkby's appearance with lutenist Anthony Rooley at Berkeley's Hertz Hall (Mar. 7, call (510) 642-9988) is an excellent bet, as would be Barbara Hendrick's recital at Herbst Theater (later on Mar. 26, call (415) 398•6449 for info) or any of the Schwabacher Debut Recitals by promising new singers at the Vorpal Gallery (call (415) 565-6491 for tix and info).

PROKOFIEV AT THE SYMPHONY

Fresh from the multimedia presentation of *Alexander Nevsky*, the SF Symphony resumed its Sergei Prokofiev fling with this past week's concert set. Herbert Blomstedt led violinist Joshua Bell and the orchestra in a tight, precise reading of Prokofiev's *Second Violin Concerto in G minor, Op. 63*. The same program also highlighted Sibelius' one-movement *Symphony No. 7 in C, Op. 105*, Debussy's favorite classic *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*, and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.

The program opened with Sibelius' *Symphony No. 7 in C*, a repertoire the SF Symphony is typically most comfortable with. It was heartening to see how carefully Blomstedt was trying to compensate in favor of his strings (they're still losing the acoustical battle at the refurbished Davies Hall). Though the overall balance was much improved from what I had heard earlier in the season, the rest of the orchestra lost a few notches in presence and definition.

Violinist Joshua Bell: An admirable technical accuracy.

Though Prokofiev's *Second Violin Concerto* lacks the clear focus of *Alexander Nevsky*'s score, it is a work infinitely more revealing of its creator. As someone who varied stylistically through his life, Prokofiev composed the concerto in 1935, during a nomadic period in his life as he attempted a gradual adjustment to his repatriation in the Soviet Union. If the three highly contrastive movements of this concert sound somewhat structurally disjointed, one might view this as a reflection of the myriad of thoughts and places racing through the composer's psyche, after leading a typically outlandish artistic existence in Paris.

Though not always effective, Joshua Bell certainly knew enough to emphasize the contrastive aspects of the piece with his violin. He raced through the score with admirable technical accuracy, quite capable of articulate, well-defined finger work, while drawing a penetrating yet smooth tone. No longer the 16-year-old wonder boy (he's 25 now), Bell could still stand more artistic maturing. He is well in command of his violin (a 1732 Stradivarius), but his passion betrays a more organic and conceptual use of the generous palette of technical and colouristic effects available to him. The opening solo violin phrases had an unexplainable opaqueness, which certainly wasn't present in the *cantabile* sections in the second movement. The mesmerizing bravura solo passages which close the third movement had precious little in common with the wonderfully brittle textures which preceded them.

In closing the concert with Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, Blomstedt again had to play the balancing game, but this time he sacrificed the strings in favor of the more extrinsic textures. Given the circumstances, I think I agree with him. It was a quite energetic, sometimes tender reading, as when the movement titled "Round Dance of the Princesses" explodes into "King Kashchei's Infernal Dance," before succumbing to the magical tranquillity of the "Berceuse." The element of vivacity and excitement returned (again, partially at the expense of the strings) in full bloom for the Finale, as the piece closed without the typical overlong fermata chord we've come to expect from Blomstedt. ✿

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Dolls

Put me to the rack, but I confess I willfully avoided exposing myself to the 1969 film version of Jacqueline Susann's *Valley of the Dolls.* I did however catch the opening of cult kitschmaster Phillip R. Ford's multimedia, live drag version, *Dolls,* a 25-scene, 2-hour-forty-minute adaptation of the movie.

It's a slow starter in dire need of cutting, features a large cast of actors (many of whom need elocution lessons), a couple of truly mediocre production numbers, far too many brief scenes that fail to nudge the plot along, and other blackout scenes that are simply self-indulgent excuses to include a supposedly witty one-liner.

Having gotten *that* off my chest, I venture to say that when the plot finally got rolling and the irrepressible Connie Champagne began to vent her pill-inspired tantrums, I enjoyed myself immensely.

But first, a production credit: *Dolls* is presented by Playstitute Productions, San Francisco's own queer theater company that brought us the cherished camp classic *Carrie* a season or so ago.

Dolls opens with a filmed sequence (there were nine in all) that was slightly out of audio-sync and focus, which probably makes some reference to the original movie. Then the stars make their assorted entrances. Statuesque Miss X is Helen Lawson, a bitter and bitchy Broadway queen (based on Ethel Merman), who wastes not a moment in having ingenue Neely O'Hara (Connie Champagne) fired from her show for stealing the spotlight. Anne Wells, a sympathetic character (based on Jacqueline Susann herself), is played with admirable sensitivity by Flynn. Blond beauty Jennifer North (based on movie star Carole Landis and played by Sharon Tate in the movie) is essayed in the current version by pretty Jade, who pouts her way through the role with such delectable lines as, "All I know how to do is take off my clothes."

Kitschmaster Phillip R. Ford's "Dolls" at the On Broadway. Photo by Daniel Nicoleta

I particularly liked Arturo Galster as Miriam Polar, who had a few nasty things to say about *everyone.* Steve Small plays her brother Tony (based on Dean Martin) and Johnny Kat has the part of agent Mel Anderson. There are lots and lots of extras in and out of drag, and lots of stagehands to move all that scenery.

Back to the plot. Neely O'Hara goes to Hollywood and becomes a star and, like Judy Garland (on whom *her* character was based), soon becomes addicted to go-to-sleep pills and wake-up-and-sing pills. (These multicolored pills are, of course, the "dolls" of the title.)

O'Hara wins the Academy Award (the best of Ford's satiric film insertions), alienates all her friends, has an young ingenue fired from her film (ring a bell?), and continues to slosh down the liquor and pills. Miss Champagne's O'Hara also gets to scream the very best line of the show: "Dr. Mitchell says I'm self-destructive. SO WHAT?"

Oddly enough, the more Champagne got into her role, the less impression she gave of Garland and the more indelible one she created of Ethel Merman. The acoustics didn't do much for her singing voice, but I certainly admired the way she fell to pieces. Judith Anderson would have been proud.

Deena Davenport did the wigs; Mr. David, the gowns; Philip Horovitz, the choreography (obviously beyond most of his singer/dancers); and J. Raoul Brody is musical director and sound designer.

Dolls continues at the On-Broadway. Call 776-8999.

Guys and Dolls

The hottest ticket on Broadway following its 1992 revival, the Frank Loesser/Jo Swerling/Abe Burrows *Guys and Dolls* reaped reams of publicity for its staging, sets and stars, Faith Prince and Nathan Lane.

The road show cast of Damon Runyon's never-never-land Times Square of 1950 is now singing its crap-shooting and soul-saving songs at the Golden Gate Theatre. Under Jerry Zaks' two-dimensional direction, this revival is a blaze of color, broad comedy bits, some excellent (if MTV-influenced) dancing and nice star turns for Lorna Luft. And I wouldn't trade it for my fine memories of the original—a magical musical with heart.

This *Guys and Dolls* is a cartoon in the broadest sense. The costumes are stripes and plaids of garish primary colors and the backdrops are blurry, expressionistic paintings of a rain-washed Broadway. Perhaps taking his cue from the setting, director Zaks (whose concept of pacing is racing) has given us two pairs of cardboard lovers. The fetching Patricia Ben Peterson sings well and is lovely as Sarah Brown, the Salvation Army lass tricked into flying off into a Havana night with incurable gambler Sky Masterson (Richard Muenz). Handsome devil that he is, actor Muenz can't seem to strike the spark that will bring his

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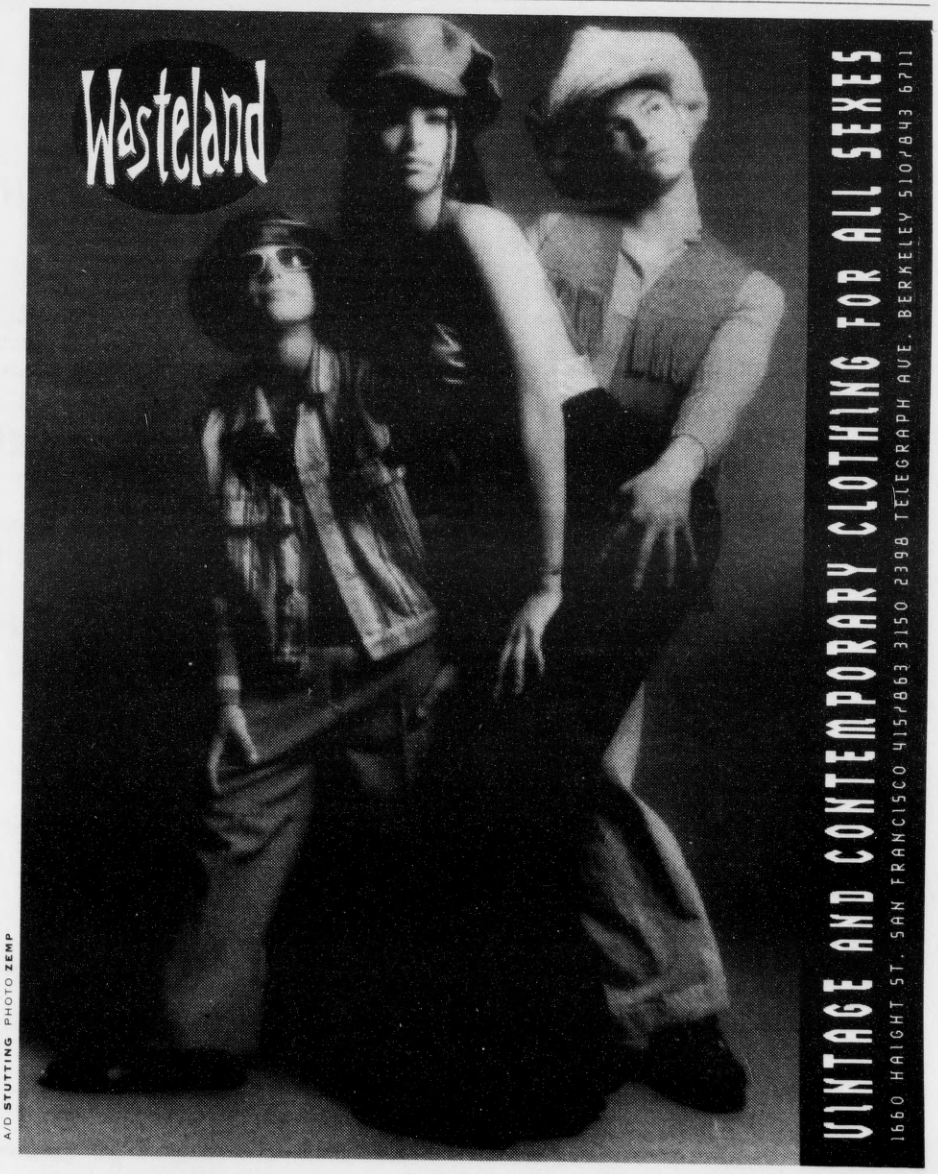
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character—or Sarah Brown's—to life.

Lorna Luft is Miss Adelaide—every ditsy chorus girl rolled into one—and the 14-year fiancee of Nathan Detroit (Lewis J. Stadlen). I found Luft quite appealing, admired her comedy timing, and felt she was given a bit of short shrift in two of her Hot Box production numbers, "Bushel and a Peck" and "Take Back Your Mink," that were dashed off perfunctorily. Her "Adelaide's Lament," on the other hand, allowed her the pacing to reveal a woman of flesh and blood.

Stadlen's Nathan Detroit was pretty much a prepackaged portrayal of a type that spells lovable tinhorn gambler. Joy Franz in the mini-role of General Cartwright was allowed to overact with shocking abandon. Otherwise the habitues of the world's "Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game" performed and sang well. Kevin Ligon as Nicely Nicely Johnson led the men through a rousing "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat," and the real gem of the evening may well be Christopher Chadman's choreography for "The Crapshooter's Dance."

It's a gorgeous score—lovely to hear those terrific Loesser tunes again after a 40-year hiatus—but even so, I kept waiting for the magic to happen.

Guys and Dolls continues at the Golden Gate Theatre through Mar 6. Tickets may be purchased at the Golden Gate or Curran Theatre box offices or call (510) 762-BASS.

Candida

Seldom revived for all its contemporary feminist sensibilities, Shaw's *Candida* is currently enjoying a frothy but nicely focused production by the Aurora Theatre Company at the Berkeley City Club. The Julia Morgan-designed building provides an elegant period parlor where cozy audiences surround the players like guests at high tea.

The first half hour has its textural sluggish moments, but director Barbara Oliver soon whips her ensemble cast into a spirited performance of Shaw's witty thesis, wich explores the question, "Who owns whom in a marriage?" Written in 1894 as a sly rebuttal to Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, the play suggests it's the man who is the doll.

Candida, played with an enchanting mix of innocent sexuality and matter-of-fact intelligence by lovely Kimberly King, is married to stuffy, self-satisfied clergyman James (Terry Lamb). She has invited into their household a young nobleman poet, Eugene Marchbanks (David Burk Chrisman) who is given to romantic posturing and emotional outbursts in his pursuit of his hostess. Having convinced himself that Candida cares for him with the same lusty fervor he lavishes upon her, naive Marchbanks uses a bit of subtle blackmail to challenge James to stand up against him and allow Candida to make her choice.

More bemused than angry, Candida asks, "Is this an auction?" If so, she wants to know exactly what the bidders have to offer. Sincere, unimaginative James offers "my strength for your defense... my honesty... my authority and position for your dignity." The passionately distraught Marchbanks offers "my weakness... my desolation... my heart's need." Candida, loving both men differently but revealing that she is mistress of her own heart and mind, delivers Shaw's cryptic answer, "I give myself to the weaker of the two."

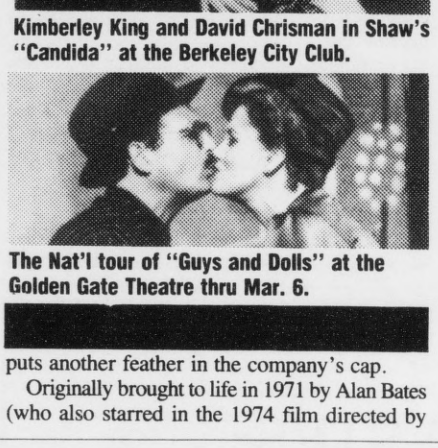
Terry Lamb delivers a finely balanced and sympathetic portrayal of the smug minister who discovers his own vulnerability. Chrisman provides showy but endearing contrasts as the flamboyant, self-tortured Marchbanks. As the blustery, pleased-with-himself Cockney father of Candida, Dean Goodman gave a delightfully sly performance. Esther Mulligan, as the secretary and secret worshipper of the good clergyman, brought considerable flair to a small role. John Zic was the Rev. "Lexy" Mills. David Jon Hoffman's set and Anna Oliver's costumes created a period mood of restrained distinction.

Candida continues through Feb. 28 at the Berkeley City Club. Call (510) 843-4822. ✿

Butley

Under Frank Reilly's direction, the Chamber Theatre has established a reputation for presenting some impressive productions of contemporary English drama. Last season's *Otherwise Engaged* was a winner, and the current offering, *Butley*, also by Simon Gray, puts another feather in the company's cap.

Charles Robinson and Jon Kilcrease in Simon Gray's "Butley" at the Somar Theatre.



Kimberley King and David Chrisman in Shaw's "Candida" at the Berkeley City Club.

The Nat'l tour of "Guys and Dolls" at the Golden Gate Theatre thru Mar. 6.

Originally brought to life in 1971 by Alan Bates (who also starred in the 1974 film directed by Harold Pinter), misogynistic Butley comes on as strong as an Albee or a Mamet male but is blessed with Gray's devastatingly wicked wit.

Butley's wife has left him and he is currently sharing an apartment and his college tutorial office with former pupil and now fellow lecturer Joey (Jon Kilcrease). Tousle-haired, rumple-suited Butley (Charles Shaw Robinson) uses gay Joey as his verbal whipping boy. Obviously repressed in his sexual attraction for the younger man, he berates Joey mercilessly for spending the weekend with a new lover. Adding to his frustration is the news that his wife wants a divorce to marry another academic whom Butley refers to as the "dullest man in London."

Asked by Joey if he misses being married, Butley comments, "I only miss the sex and violence and these days you can get *that* anywhere."

Intent upon unleashing havoc upon all who come within his range, Butley sets a tutorial student against fellow lecturer Edna Shaft, makes a phone call to get his wife fired from her new position, insults and reduces his young student Miss Heaseman to tears, taunts and ridicules Joey's lover Reg, and continues to bully Joey.

While the setting is sparse—two desks and two goose-necked lamps in a grimy university office—the language is electric and the ensemble acting is consistently strong. Robinson, spouting invective one moment, fawning with patronizing concern the next, delivers a mercurial performance. As the brunt of Butley's self-hatred, Kilcrease is moving (little wonder his eyes brim with tears) as the innocent and indecisive Joey. Kate Perry is a delight, as usual, as the put-upon Miss Heaseman. Gwyneth Richards is especially touching in her mini-vignettes as Edna, and Tracy O'Neil Heffernan is excellent as the emotionally battered wife. James Reese as Joey's lover Reg did a masterful job with his North Country accent and a masculine demeanor that shattered Butley's barbs with his indifference. Stephen Bass was the "feather-plumed" object of Butley's final malice.

Butley will be revived this fall in New York starring Nathan Lane, who played the opera queen here in *The Lisbon Traviata* and who won raves in the revival of *Guys and Dolls*.

Butley continues through Mar. 6, Thursdays through Saturdays, at the Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan St. Call (415) 931-6011. ✿

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Three Postcards

Much as I've admired Craig Lucas' writing (*Longtime Companion, Prelude to a Kiss*) and the songs of Craig Carnelia, I can't wax enthusiastic about their joint effort, *Three Postcards*. First performed at South Coast Repertory, it made its New York debut in 1987 at Playwrights' Horizon. Under the aegis of Caryn Horwitz it's now installed at the Cable Car.

The concept is as old hat as a 1940s movie about wartime widows, but this insubstantial Lucas/Carnelia effort offers even less to the spectator than a WWII melodrama. Diffuse and unfocused, it skims the relationship of three mid-30s gal pals who discover they really haven't much in common anymore. They meet for a long-time-no-see lunch in a chi-chi Greenwich Village restaurant (empty except for a piano player and the waiter), and after the usual kiss-kiss pleasantries—ordering drinks ("What did the bartender put in that Rob Roy?"), reading the menu aloud and picking through sundry courses—they speak of marriage, career, career failure, children, death and tote up the bill and depart. The audience is none the wiser and only intermittently entertained.

The ladies who lunch are Amy Dondy, Shelley Lynn Johnson and Laura Martin; respectively, they play, K.C., Big Jane and Little Jane. The waiter, who also doubles as other men in a couple of fantasy sequences, is Jay Krohnengold. The pianist who provides background to the chitchat and occasional accompaniment is Pascual Gomez.

Through no fault of director Ronnie Larsen, *Three Postcards* fails to rise above the level of sorority-sister girl talk. There were early-on hints that something interesting might develop but they were brief mirages. Before the women arrive, the waiter asks the pianist, "Have you made your decision yet?" The pianist answers, "No." I kept wondering, "what decision?" long after the women were into their cocktails. Is he leaving his lover? Has he been offered a better job? Is he moving to California? Nada!

Big Jane, a loser in the workforce but cheerful nevertheless, is ecstatic about her new job (telephone sales out of her apartment) and the fact that she'll be picking up extra cash by cleaning the apartment of her ex-lover and his new boyfriend (another little plot bomb that fails to ignite). Little Jane reveals, as the Rob Roys take effect, that motherhood and being a wife are two good reasons for slipping into an occasional sexual fantasy. K.C., arriving late as expected, is the more enigmatic of the three but does get to sing with considerable poignancy the show's hit number, "The Picture in the Hall." At one point the three women step forward to warble a lively "See How the Sun Shines," but as with the other less-memorable tunes, it seemed arbitrarily dropped in place to create a "moment."

Some nice production values (Dana Peter Porras' attractive table setting with its fine napery, china and crystal and some handsome art deco screens and lighting sconces) created an ambiance that the plot and score couldn't live up to. The cast deserves better.

Three Postcards continues through Feb. 28 at the Cable Car. Call 292-3218.

Jim and Peggy, Together Again

Unlike most male performers who do "star turns" in drag and ultimately destroy the object of their imitation, either through camp overkill or simple lack of talent—Jim Bailey is a true illusionist. Understatement in dress and demeanor would seem to be the key to his uncanny recreations of Garland, Streisand and Miss Peggy Lee.

Barbra and Judy have made relatively recent appearances, but Bailey's Peggy hasn't purred into a local mike for some time. Of his famous trio of divas, she is obviously the most difficult to do. She's not flamboyant, not given to excessive gestures, vocal histrionics or provocative banter. She just floats on, stands still, offers up a few hand movements (not necessarily related to her lyrics) and sings. That's just what Bailey's Miss Peggy does.

In yards and yards of flowing red chiffon, Peggy sweeps on, remarks (almost to herself) that the floral arrangement on the piano seems to have

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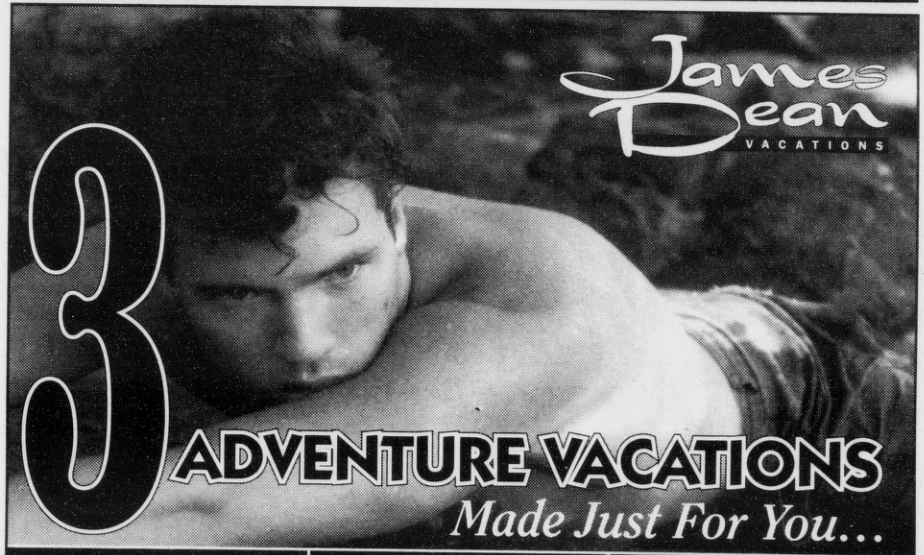

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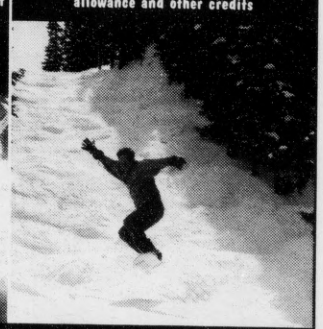

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Illusionist Jim Bailey does Peggy, along with Barbra and Judy at the Plush Room in the York Hotel.

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grown overnight, and launches into "Day In, Day Out." All that was missing from the illusion were the enormous shades Miss Lee has taken to wearing since her eye injury of several years ago. Her minimal patter included the advisory that should we be driving past her house in L.A. and notice that her kitchen curtains are missing, it's because she's wearing them.

"Just for a Thrill" was delivered in her unique, almost breathless phrasing and was accompanied by those typical mini-gestures of drawing small squares in the air with extended forefingers. "Big Spender" revealed Bailey's ability to enunciate while barely moving his lips, another Lee trademark. "I Wish I Were in Love Again" got the big treatment, though now and again a "catch in the throat" phrase brought Garland to mind. (It must be difficult to keep his women separate when they insist on singing each other's songs.)

"The Second Time Around" offered a more vocally secure Peggy and was followed by "Wind Beneath My Wings," an odd choice and lacking Lee's penchant for material with an ironic bent.

Pure Peggy, however, were the low, husky, slurred notes of "What Are You Doing for the Rest of Your Life?" though her vocal arrangement on "Funny Valentine" veered a touch close to a Garland vibrato.

Miss Lee's big, *big* existential success, "Is That All There Is?" was sung with an almost sexual caressing of sibilants, bringing some audience titters with its unrelieved suicidal outlook on life and love. Then, in the flurry of red chiffon, the illusion was gone.

Bailey continues at the Plush Room, York Hotel, Wednesdays through Saturdays, through Feb. 27. He alternates Judy, Barbra and Peggy, so call for specifics. Phone 885-2800.

A Valentine's Festival at Kimball's West

by Scott Cady and Gene Price

Larry Vuckovich, the pianist at the forefront of the Bay Area jazz scene, was the creative force behind the Kimball's West Valentine Festival, five jazz nights featuring five hometown singers. Sweetie Mitchell, Paula West, Mary Stallings, Claudia Gomez and Bobbe Norris took the stand on successive nights to woo hand-holding celebrants with their particular brands of Valentine ballads. Vuckovich (from Yugoslavia), Isla Eckinger (Switzerland) on bass and trombone, and Omar Clay (United States) on drums, lent the sweetheart festival an international flavor. We caught three of the five performances.

Taking a brief hiatus from his current stint at Club 36 atop the Grand Hyatt, Vuckovich lent his accompaniment talents to this nearly sold-out event. It's always a thrill to hear him in a setting where people come to listen. Having accompanied some of the greatest names in vocal jazz, he provides an intuitive sensitivity to that interaction between singer and pianist. He is at all times aware of where the vocalist is heading within the context of a song and offers unobtrusive but energetic guidance. Sensing a singer's strength—or weakness—he creates just the right musical

Jazz newcomer Paula West: A rising star.

backdrop to highlight that strength. A fine solo pianist as well, Vuckovich dedicated his creative energies to the singers during this weekend festival.

A relative newcomer to the jazz scene, young Paula West showcased her talents in her debut at this venerable jazz spot. She is a little-known jewel, still developing her vocal persona, but managing meanwhile to create a unique sound, pulling from the greats who have influenced her, now and then hitting the top with her own soulful intuition. We've caught Paula at a couple of gigs recently and she's made some remarkable strides in her ability to communicate her musical ideas. Her sound is a little Billie, a little Sarah, and increasingly a lot of Paula West. She's going to make it and don't be surprised if, in a decade or so, young upcoming singers are emulating her vocal stylings.

The area that she needs to work on is her interaction with the audience. In a set that included jazz standards, Porter, Arlen and some twisted show tunes, she only managed to set us at ease with a few numbers. She seemed a bit uncomfortable (nervous, if you will) in front of a large, jazz-oriented audience and it may have hindered her focus. In a relaxed mood, she's wonderful, notably in "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues" and in the intensely beautiful "If I Had You." Show-tune "Whatever Lola Wants" fell short, perhaps because it doesn't really work in a jazz context. Still, experimentation on a theme is what jazz is all about, and Paula isn't afraid to give it a try. One of the finest of our young vocal talents, she appears at the Deluxe on Feb. 28 and March 5, 12 and 26 and at Asta's on March 20.

On Saturday the Vuckovich Trio's rendition of "Midnight Waltz" (fine solos of bass and drums) introduced soigne Mary Stallings. She delivered an exquisitely polished set in her usual impeccable style. Reeking of cool elegance, her vocal attack is at times so diffident, so uninvolved, that one ballad sounds much like the next.

Opening with a laid-back treatment of the swinging "Deed I Do," she moved into an impressive "No Greater Love," and then into Ellington's "Prelude to a Kiss," letting a phrase or two trail off into a sexy, intimate growl (a la Carmen McCrea). "I've Got it Bad" was technically fine but failed to reflect the potential of its torchy lyrics, and even the joyous "Them There Eyes" revealed an impersonal detachment. Her best shot was the delicately phrased "Funny Valentine."

I've admired Stallings' polished and professional work for several years, but on this particular night she seemed to be singing to herself, indifferent to the need to communicate with a live audience.

Bobbe Norris, effervescent and emanating charm, might well be referred to as the grand dame of local jazz ladies. She opened her ultra-

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romantic set with the old Ida Lupino scorcher from *Road House*, "Again," and then lavished some chocolatey low notes on the sultry Brazilian number, "Wanting More." She remembered Sammy Cahn with a gorgeous treatment of his fine lyrics to "Time After Time."

It was a night for resurrecting some underrated ballads and Bobbe layered each of them with her lush, seductive sound. Among those treats were "Take Me in Your Arms," "You and the Night and the Music," the Ginny Simms' hit, "Irresistible You," and moving backward to the '30s, a soulful "That Old Feeling." Standouts were Joabim's "Quiet Nights" and Victor Young's "Beautiful Love," from the horror flick, *The Mummy*.

Pianist Larry Dunlap joined Vuckovich at the piano for a swinging up-tempo "The Song Is You." ✿

Jennifer Durand In Berlin Songspiel 1933

More saucy soubrette than world-weary chanteuse, Jennifer Durand appeared on three recent Wednesdays at The Marsh. Her clinging black lace gown, wide, laughing eyes and gorgeous smile tended to belie the irony of Bertolt Brecht's lyrics as she launched into an evening of Kurt Weill's 1920s cabaret music, which chillingly points up some provocative parallels between Germany of the '20s and America today.

Moving with seasoned ease between German and English, Durand revealed a fine sense of vocal dynamics in her balanced mix of the familiar and the unfamiliar. A touch strident in her first couple of numbers, her soprano soon found its anchor, and her somewhat extravagant use of arms, hands and body English (a bit coyly mannered for contemporary cabaret tastes) soon won me over. Brecht's lyrics, riding on Weill's percussive rhythms, seem to demand a stylized, in-your-face presentation. It was precisely this "over-the-top" performance technique that brought New York audiences to their feet when Lotte Lenya sang "The Pirate Song" in the 1954 production of *Threepenny Opera*.

In addition to such standards as "Barbara Song," "Alabama Song," "Bilbao Song" and "Surabaya Johnny" (opening with a passionate outburst and retreating into a whimpered resignation), Durand sang the short and bittersweet "Polly's Lied," the exquisitely tortured "Wie Lange Noche?" followed by the ultimate song of first love, disillusion and revenge, "The Ballad of Lili From Hell," and that political satire on an untalented painter and plasterer whose misguided star almost brought the civilized world to its knees, "Shickelgruber." Most poignant was the bitterly intimate "What Was Received by the Soldier's Wife?"

Mara Linden on piano and Steven Miller on violin provided the cabaret ambience. The Songspiel was conceived by Ms. Durand with co-writing credit going to John Durand, Adam Kinsey and Steven Miller. Jeff Valentine choreographed.

Durand will sing cabaret songs at Cafe du Nord on Mondays in March, and will repeat her Kurt Weill Songspiel at 10:30 pm on Saturdays in March at the Marsh. ✿

the leather chronicles

Photo by Rink

New Empress & Emperor Jackie Reynolds and David Nyberg at the Gift Center coronation party.

Safety in SoMa

With anti-gay violence on the rise, how safe is South of Market? We have to take precautions when visiting this area. Every place has its problems, but I am focusing on SoMa because I care about my leather family and do not want to see anything happen to you.

In my opinion, the straight bars around 11th and Folsom can be a really big problem. Since they've opened, there has been an increasing number of verbal and physical assaults. The patrons from these establishments stand outside on the sidewalks and spit, shout vulgarities, trip, and even throw punches as you walk their vicious gantlet. These attacks are unprovoked, illegal and must be stopped. Our community needs to take the reins and file charges when an incident occurs and put pressure on the police to follow up on the report. It is our nature to avoid conflict, but the South of Market neighborhood has forced us to deal with the problem nightly.

Here are some tips on how to alleviate some of the trouble: Never leave any leather or electronic items in your car that are visible; do not argue with an aggressor—walk away; if possible walk in groups; have someone walk you to your car; if you are being robbed, give them what they want without resistance; get a license to carry Mace. It is a felony to carry a nightstick, even as part of a costume. I rarely see a patrol car in the South of Market, and it concerns me that we are not being fairly represented. If you feel the same way, please call or write the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office with a complaint.

SOUTH LAND

I ran into the Knights on Iron in Palm Springs during their weekend getaway run. I must say, they are a fun group. The members of the Knights are non-drinkers, but they party just as hard as the rest of us. Most of the members drive Harleys—talk about noisy! LaMar Johnson, Tom Mayta, Andy Duckworth, Ed Morgan (Mr. San Diego Leather '93) and myself were refused service at a restaurant called Cast & Cleaver. The management said it was because I was wearing a tank top, but we all felt it was discrimination. When LaMar raised his hands to his hips, we felt it was a good time to leave. But before we had a chance, LaMar started reading some beads. Imagine a 6-foot, 7-inch queen in full biker gear with one hand on his hip, pointing his finger and giving you a piece of his mind. I called the next day and was told by the restaurant's host that tanks are permissible. If you ever get a chance to party with this club, do it!

BIRTHDAY & VALENTINE'S AT THE EAGLE

Grant Dupont's birthday party was a night of many entertainers for the benefit of the AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF). I wish I could have been there, but I had to attend another convention in So. Cal. I hear there was a good crowd and everyone had a good time. The Eagle is a serious leather bar and normally does not encourage drag. Once in a while, if it is for a good cause, drag is welcomed on the Eagle stage, in moderation, Through all of the years the Eagle has remained a very gracious bar. Thank you, guys.

Also at the Eagle, Leather Daddy Irwin and Dyke Daddy Skeeter had a very successful beer bust on Valentine's Day. They raised close to $2,500 for the AEF and Int'l Ms. Leather by selling color-coded clothespins. Each color was pinned on a certain body part, then bullwhipped off!! Congratulations to Irwin and Skeeter for breaking the record for beer and soda sold—good job, guys!!! By the way, I hope you all had a great Valentine's Day and found your heart's desire—or at least a good lay.

THE CORONATION

A big hand for Emperor Douglas Stromberg and Empress Velveeta Mozzarella for a very successful year. Doug and Mozzarella are both very active Leather Brothers. They have traveled to many cities abroad representing not only the Court system, but the leather community of San Francisco. I bet they are both glad to be able to rest! A very large crowd of out-of-town guests gathered at the Gift Center to give Doug and Mozzarella a big send-off. A lot of money was raised and donated by Doug and Mozz to several different charities. The thing that most impressed me was the large contingent of leather titleholders honoring their Most Imperial Majesties. I would also like to wish Marcus a happy 20th anniversary as Emperor I, A.N.

THINGS TO DO:

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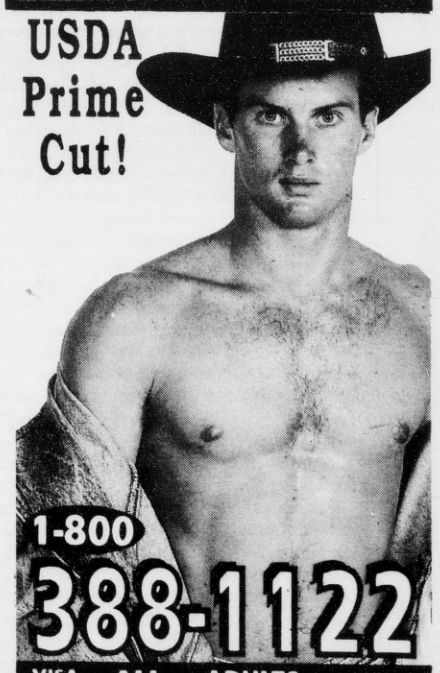
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Shirt Off Your Back Auction II: An auction in Santa Rosa a couple of weeks ago was so successful the hosts decided to have a Part II. So many items were donated the first time that the organizers had enough left over to mount a second auction, but they would still gladly accept any donation you wish to make. Producers Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern Calif. Leather '92) and Terry Foster (Ms. Russian River Leather '93) have appointed Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X) and Lenny Broberg (IML '92) to emcee this risque auction. After the bidder wins his or her prize, s/he will get to take the item right off the model's body. So to join the festivities, be at the Eagle Saturday, Feb. 27, from 8 pm to midnight. An $8 beer bust and a 50/50 raffle will benefit IMsL and AEF.

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Mr. SF Eagle Contest: Next month, the Mr. SF Eagle Leather contest takes place on Thursdays at 10 pm. The first three Thursdays a winner and runner-up will be selected to compete in the finals, which will take place on Mar. 25. The winner will receive a cash prize, a title vest—and all of the glory—and will represent the Eagle in the Mr. SF Leather contest Saturday, April 3. Good luck to all of the contestants.

San Diego Leather Fest: Mar. 12-14 is the San Diego Leather Fest in Mission Valley. Most of the events will be at the Host Hotel, Holiday Inn Mission Valley. As many as 500 leather men and women are expected to attend. The NLA San Diego chapter is hosting the event, with corporate sponsorship including the *Leather Journal, Drummer,* Silver Anchor Enterprises, Update, and Bravo. This many corporate sponsors proves to me that they have a lot of support and help in producing a hot weekend. Friday has been set aside for a welcoming cocktail party and check-in.

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Volunteer in a Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic staffed by Gay and Bisexual Men. The Gay Men's Health Collective of the Berkeley Free Clinic has been training volunteers to provide STD and safer sex education for over 15 years. Training begins in February. For more info, call (510) 644-0425.

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Lesbians at Midlife therapy group forming in East Bay, to explore issues around aging, self-image, sexuality and empowerment. Facilitated by Denah Joseph, MFCC (510) 536-2126.

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Seven Steps to Healing Workshops. Healing model for adults abused as children. For survivors: Mar. 20, Apr. 17, June 12. For clinicians: Apr. 3, Saturdays, 10 am-5 pm. East Bay. $60. Rachel Bat Or, MFCC. (510) 444-4419.

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Shanti...

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ti has been billing the DPH AIDS Office for rent on an apartment on Potrero Hill that also was not open. Hardtke estimates that the over-billing was approximately $2,800 a month, which adds up to about $58,800 for the period the houses were closed.

Additionally, in another AIDS Office contract, the family subsidies grant, Hardtke alleges that Shanti has been over-billing the City by not accounting for fees paid by low-income families. Shanti received $141,000 in fiscal year 1991-92 and $151,002 in fiscal year 1992-93 to run the family subsidies program. Hardtke says that program pays an average of $904 monthly rent for 14 low-income families in exchange for 30 percent of those families' income. Hardtke suspects that instead of using the 30 percent contribution to fund rent for other low-income families, Shanti pocketed the difference and charged the City for the full amount of the rent. "I do not know where that money is going," says Hardtke. But she does acknowledge that Shanti has expanded its program and is now providing subsidies to a total of 20 low-income families.

Hardtke's allegations continue. She further asserts that discrepancies have occurred in the youth subsidies and Americana Suites contracts. She says that money was set aside for first-and-last-month deposits for youth with HIV. But, she believes Shanti has held onto that money, instead using it for administrative and other costs. She also alludes to improprieties regarding funds to pay a full-time property manager for the Americana Suites, Shanti's recently opened PWA housing block on Market Street.

Finally, Hardtke charges that in the Americana Suites contract, Deputy Director Melinda Paras was creating new positions and reallocating funds in ways that were not approved in the grant. Those unapproved reallocations prompted Hardtke to send the Sept. 18 memo to Paras. Hardtke says, "I was concerned we were taking money and putting it in another line item without getting approval from the AIDS office."

Paras responded to Hardtke's memo on Sept. 21 with one of her own, asserting, "I am not aware of any specific discrepancies in the compliance of our agency with the budget pages on our city contracts."

SHANTI REJECTS HOUSING CHARGES

Eric Rofes takes issue with every point raised by Hardtke regarding funds used in the housing department. He stresses that most of the allegations regarding misuse of funding are simply differences between projected and actual expenditures, and that these differences are routinely dealt with by all agencies in a budget reconciliation process. Rofes also says that these budget reconciliations with the DPH AIDS Office will now occur on a quarterly and biannual basis, due to new DPH regulations. Thus, Rofes contends, Shanti's city contracts will now be in a state of constant review.

Rofes contends that Paras' modifications to the Americana Suites grant are part of "a totally legitimate process... and every agency in town does it." He also says that no property manager has been hired at the Americana Suites yet, neutralizing Hardtke's allegation that city monev is being used improperly.

Regarding the family subsidies program, Rofes asserts that the monthly 30 percent client contribution to enter the subsidy program is, indeed, applied to direct services, speaking of how the program has expanded in the past year. He says, "This again was budget modification."

Rofes also says the allegation that Shanti has been billing for properties that are not in operation is being "looked into" as part of the audit. "We open and close houses all the time. We have a proven track record of providing services at the level contracted for with the City."

In addition, Rofes denies the allegations of HIV Housing Network funds being used to pay Shanti's Housing Department rent, saying this accounting flexibility is also part of the budget reconciliation process. Rofes adds, rent "is paid for by each of the different contracts we have for housing services, in the proper percent for the use of the space." Finally, Rofes says the reallocation of funds earmarked for youth rental subsidies is also part of the budget reconciliation process.

WHY NOT WAIT?

Initially Hardtke was unwilling to approach the media with her concerns about the alleged fiscal mismanagement of Shanti, saying she wanted to wait until the DPH audit was released. But now, she says, the combination of the pending appointment of Melinda Paras to the Health Commission and the *Examiner's* investigation of mismanagement at the A.I.D.S. (AIDS Indigent Direct Services) nonprofit group, prompted her to come forward with her allegations.

Rumors are now circulating in the community that the *SF Examiner* was under political pressure from supervisors Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg and SF AIDS Foundation Director Pat Christen to drop investigations into allegations of wrongdoing at Shanti. As a consequence, according to the grapevine, the *SF Examiner* allegedly concentrated its investigation on the A.I.D.S. group rather than Shanti. *SF Bay Times* contacted all those involved in the alleged cover-up and found nothing to substantiate such claims. In responses that varied from amusement to outright irritation, Christen, Migden and Achtenberg's offices all flatly denied pressuring the *Examiner*.

SF Examiner reporter Lisa Krieger, who wrote the A.I.D.S. expose, denies that *Examiner* editors received pressure from politicos. "I had heard that we had been pressured and it is bullshit," says Krieger. "I had been told about these allegations of misspent funds at Shanti, probably about a month ago." But "to be honest I got involved in A.I.D.S. and I just immersed myself in that. I am just one person.... That week I focused on A.I.D.S."

Hardtke's most immediate concern was the appointment of Paras to the Health Commission, which is overseeing the Shanti audit. Hardtke feels that represents a direct conflict of interest. "Melinda [Paras] is active politically and has strong ties to Jean Harris [Mayor Jordan's liaison to the gay/lesbian community]. What bothers me is that it is so flagrant," says Hardtke. Rofes denies that the appointment of Paras to the Health Commission is a conflict of interest. "My opinion of this is, the Mayor evaluated this legally before the appointment. We will work internally to ensure that—legally and ethically—no conflict exists."

Hardtke stands by her concerns about the management of Shanti Project, saying, "It is my belief that if Eric [Rofes] and Melinda [Paras] are caught and have their hands slapped, they will not do it again. I don't think they are inherently bad. I just think they will do whatever they can get away with." ✿

Leather...

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Saturday kicks off the first of 15 workshops and demonstrations. A crafts fair will continue for the afternoon, followed by a party at Wolf's of San Diego and the Mr. Wolf's contest. Sunday will offer more workshops, a motorcycle run, and some last-minute flings before checkout. I will see you there!!!

PLAYING CUPID

I have been informed that Gabriella (Ms. Intl. Cheeks & Chaps '91) is single and looking for a hot bottom. This short blond bombshell is not only creative with her erotic tastes, she is very sincere. Good luck, Gabriella, on finding your new toy.

PACIFIC BEARS OF CALIFORNIA

March 4-7 is the Pacific Bears of California's Nevada AIDS Project fundraiser. Thursday, the 4th, is a beer bust at the Headquarters from 8-11 pm; Friday is an auction and entertainment at the Eagle from 8-11 pm; Saturday, from 11 am to 3 pm, is a pasta feed and dancing at the Rawhide; Saturday night is a bar run starting at 8 pm from the Bear and ending at the Watering Hole; Sunday there will be a brunch at the Line Up from 11 am to 3 pm. Enjoy!

MS. WATERING HOLE

Kelly Burlingham (Ms. Watering Hole '93) is sponsoring a beer and soda bust on Mar. 6 from 3-7 pm, at the Watering Hole. Blair (IMsL '92) will be your emcee for the afternoon with B.C. (Dyke Daddy I) as entertainer. Bring those boots out of the closet to be shined by the musclebound Team Biceps. The proceeds raised from this event will be split between IMsL reunion and Team SF.

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Namaste
Are you entirely unique walking about in trappings ordinaire? Are you as likely to be entertained by past life or other psychic event, as by a movie or concert? Are you as happy in meditation as in the beta brain wavelengths, but manage to stay earthbound? If so, we sound like friends! Women over 30 preferred—if you're also a masseuse, can Nirvana be yet afar off? Let's investigate! Call ★★4327.

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Enjoy Seduction?
As much as seducing this soft butch? Do you enjoy moonlight, warm hands and passionate kisses interlaced with chocolate, whipped cream and latex toys? Does humor excite you; sex delight you? Can this slightly crazy, somewhat flirtatious, brown/blue, 31 y.o. dyke get you to... picnic on Angel Island; hike on Mt. Tam; take a stroll through the Castro; or soak the day away at Osento? Call ★★4329.

I'd Love To Hold Your
Romantic, butch Valentine's card and then hold you with lots of kissing and petting, cuz we are teddybears. I love beachwalking, rushing water, the moon, massages, tongues, leather, being seduced, foreplay with you in my kingsize waterbed, or ? I'm tomboy with big ta-tas and a sex kitten in bed looking for company. Mature, sincere butch/androgynous tops with integrity please reply PO Box 882992, SF 94188-2992 or call ★★4330.

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Where Have You Been All My Life?
This attractive femme is well-educated, Jewish, professionally employed, and interested in meeting feminine women with similar attributes. Some of my favorites are: dinner parties with friends, antique collecting, the Sunday paper and Peet's, B&B's, NPR, the ocean, and playing with children. You are smart, attractive, professional, 30something, and desire long-term relationship and eventual family. Nonsmokers only, please. Call ★★4332.

Looking For New Playmates
I'm in my late 20s, androgynous/butch. Looking for dykes, late 20s to 40s, of any color, for friendship and/or sex. Dykes into piercing, tattoos, S/M. I don't want a relationship; already have one. No smokers or heavy users please. Call ★★4333.

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A woman to explore living, loving and monogamy with. Do you enjoy classical and jazz, hiking and biking. A little bit of shy with a little bit of crazy? A professional femme with ideals from an earlier age? Romance and roses. Let's pretend smokers, druggies and polygamists don't exist. Let's dance to our own drum. And play in the waves. Call ★★4334.

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Attractive, 23-year-old GWF, 5'11", 155 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, healthy; truly romantic. Mentally and financially stable, excellent cook. Seeking cute GWF, 22-30, for friendship, adventure, romance or... No games; femme only. Please call ★★4389!

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Professional, mid-40s, GWF, SF resident, looking for a woman to enhance my life. I've been single for two-and-a-half years after a long-term relationship. If you like theater, opera, dining out, traveling, bicycling, golf and dogs; if you are emotionally and financially secure and are mid-30s through late-40s, please call or write. No drugs, heavy drinkers or smokers. Call ★★4338.

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Androgynous, African American, 41, 5'6", 138 lbs., seeking feminine companions who just want to have a "good time." Things enjoyed are movies, fine food and quiet evenings at home... Use my voice mail box to leave your name and number. I'll call and we'll take it from there. I hate talking to machines, so there will not be a prerecorded message for you when you call. Call ★★4339.

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Dykes To Watch Out For Will Return In The Next Issue.

My Breasts
Are two of my best features. My smile is another. I'm not ready for LTR. I wanna meet, learn, laugh, kiss, cuddle, fuck. I wanna date with a capital "D." Ain't looking for the love of my life because I see her in the mirror every morning. When I'm with you, my attention will never waiver; I'll be all yours. Are you grown up enough for this? Call ★★4340.

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Cute butch girl with a mind sought for non-processing fun. Don't even try to take me to your softball game, but I won't mind when you slide into home plate. Let's go see B-movies, drink tequila, and laugh at all the wrong things. Motorcycle a definite plus. Reply BT Box FB7B or call ★★4344.

Eccentric, Complicated
Small stature belies formidable nature. Fierce but tender. Often enigmatic. Never pretentious. Artist, sometime musician, voracious reader, martial artist. Despise art openings, "scenes" of all types—would rather stay home and make art. Introspective/expansive, solid/dreamy, practical/emotional. Insist on privacy, but require intimacy to release & replenish artistic vision. Graduate degree School of Experience in New York, recently escaped to California. 40, look 30, ultra-feminine butch. Seeking woman of substance who is sane, literate, creative, warm, genuine & enjoys life. Please, no separatists, New Age fluff, yuppies. Reply BT Box FB8B.

I'm Shy
It's about time I start meeting women. I'm 33 yrs. old, 5'4", slim, with green eyes that change with my moods. I love animals, like the outdoors. No drugs or alcohol. Want to meet someone from 30-37 yrs. Call me. Call ★★4345.

Valentine's CW Dance Was Great
Except you left before I asked you to dance. You wore: white shirt, tan jeans, brown belt and boots. Your dark hair was pulled back. I wondered if you had a sweetheart among your friends, but before I figured it out, you were gone! Now I'd really like to know. I'm an East Bay woman with many interests, good looks, humor and optimism about life, and a hankering to dance in your arms. Take a chance! Reply BT Box FB9B or call ★★4346.

North Bay
Lesbian W. womin searching for androgynous woman of color who is 35+, down-to-earth, nonsmoking, drug-free; who likes nature, gardening, music, camping; loves animals (esp. dogs), movies, humor, arts, personal growth, travel, walking, bicycling & is spiritual & many more interests. Seeks friends and LTR. Write PO Box 7304, Santa Rosa 95407-0304 or call ★★4347.

Proud "No-Touch" Butch
Tired of those "soft butch," "butch-of-center," or "I'll lay on my back" type "androgynous" ads? Are you self-assured, femme-identified, woman-born-woman, totally "out," man-hating dyke? Be between 26-36, nonsmoking, drug and booze-free, life-loving lesbian who's been out at least 5 years and mature enough to challenge this well-seasoned, high energy, opinionated and multi-faceted butch. Not interested in casual sex; dating is what I seek. No Scandinavian bloodlines, transplants from Mass., Leos or fly-girl queens—and please no dead flesh! Hasta pronto. Call ★★4348.

I Spoke To Your Mother...
She said you'd want me in your life because this SWF, 32, 5'4", petite, curly hair, brown eyes is cute, smart, funny, kinda shy, spontaneous, affectionate, adventurous, passionate, thoroughly decent & although totally Scorpio, believes friendship precedes romance! She said you're single, kind, intelligent, unpretentious, silly & serious; enjoy life, outdoors, conversation, movies & music; love touching, cuddling & kissing; drink occasionally, don't do drugs & don't mind polite smoker. Listen to your mother! Call ★★4349.

Bearr, Be Mine. Signed, Butch
Greetings in a club. You look sweet as usual. I'm in my new harness with my sweet dick. You flash that knockout nasty smile. A soft kiss hello. I blindfold and take you across to a private room. Alone, quiet, I tie you in the sling and rock you. My whip lights your body... I stop the rocking. Happy Valentine as I bite you & slide my wet dick deep inside and fuck you hard. You're gone & I'm with you. You are mine. Call ★★4350.

Almost Satisfied
I have wonderful friends, a meaningful job, an open heart, spiritual and emotional health (well mostly—always growing). Desire a tender, sensitive and honest butch of center who believes in personal growth and is willing to work through problems; is full of passion, love, humor and wants to create a family with children. I am 39, fat, attractive, love dancing, my cats, nature and lots of touch. Call ★★4351.

Vancouver, Canada
Ride your horse along the edge of the sword/ Hide yourself in the middle of the flames/ Blossoms of the fruit tree will bloom in the fire/ The sun rises in the evening. Shadowplay... moving the unconscious to consciousness. GWF, 30, seeks creative, playful, part-time S/M relationship for fun, adventure and personal growth. Honest, intelligent, mature, slim, petite and attractive femme wants emotionally stable, athletic butch, 28-40, with good sense of humor. No drugs, alcohol, smoking, cheating. Woman of color, esp. GBF preferred, but not essential. Thoughtful replies to BT Box FB10B.

Conscious
Attractive, together, soft butch/center, athletic, NS, funny and fun lesbian in her mid- to late-30s, who loves animals, the outdoors and her busy life seeks all of the above in a femme-of-center woman. Let's take it slow and make sure it's a good choice. Call ★★4352.

Another First
"Firsts" are an important part of my life. Also, tennis, outdoors, movies, walks, fireplaces, companionship, TLC, conversation, romance, honesty, optimism, humor, intelligence and maturity. Youthful 45+ seeking new friends/dating. Reply BT Box FB11B or call ★★4353.

True Love And/Or Great Sex
I am an intense, lesbian-identified, 26 y.o., medium built, WF, who is looking for true love and/or great sex (or friendships). I love music, the arts, erotic "adventures," romantic evenings, and anything else that piques my interest. You should be open-minded, intense and very sexual. Extra credit given for soft, butchy, aggressive, top, women of color, but I'm open to whatever works. Chemistry is most important. Hey, if anything in this ad interests you, take a chance, leave a message and let's talk! Call ★★4354.

34-Year-Old SBLF
WLTM a single serious-minded, career-oriented lesbian of color, age 35-50 years old, who is not into roles, likes children; religion no problem; vegetarian or clean meat-eater; NS/ND. Let's develop a friendship before romance. Call ★★4355.

Santa Cruz Lesbian
Seeks S.C. lesbians for friendship and romance. Like me, you are around 39 or older, gainfully employed, androgynous, laugh easily, NS, ND, NA, spirited, enjoy walking, talking, bicycling, traveling. Call me. Call ★★4356.

Make Me Laugh
Looking for an intimate relationship—somewhere between an affair and marriage. I want a woman who can make me laugh in and out of bed. Must: no smoking, dyke-identified, good conversationalist. Plus: into the arts, likes to travel, progressive politics. Go ahead, make my day—call me. Call ★★4357.

Lots Of Caring, Trust
Self-growth/communication/intense pleasure/deep love/give and take, healing, gentle, adventurous supportive sexuality/safety, vulnerability, kind generous spirit./ Can you, amidst passion, meditate, concentrate on simple requests?/ Hear and express, for lasting relationship. Must incredible, joyous CSA recovery. Extra special woman. E. Bay? Tall, attractive, 50, fit, integrity, commitment, grass, animals, holistics. Friends, too! Call ★★4358.

I Would Like To Share Intimacy
W/a butch lesbian or f-t-male TS person. I'm attracted to dildos, spanking, fantasies of being possessed. I'm 48, East Bay (or City) based. Call ★★4359.

Impromptu Timer
GWF, 40 yrs. old, 5'1", professional East Bay woman looking for woman, 30-45, in E.B., who enjoys movies, theater, dining out, travel, sidewalk cafes, and impromptu adventures on the weekends. Nonsmokers and no drugs is a must. If you enjoy waking up on the weekends, venturing out to find that new brunch spot in Santa Cruz, Napa, Monterey, etc., give me a call. Call ★★4360.

Blonde Goddess Wanted
GWF, very attractive, 27, slender, with shoulder-length brunette hair and sparkling brown eyes seeks special friend. I am protective and caring, romantic and passionate, warm-hearted and witty. I'm not a fake or a flake. Love dancing, concerts, pool, movies, nature, hanging out with friends. Drawn almost exclusively to feminine, spirited women of the blonde persuasion. I'm a good catch, so take a chance and call ★★4361.

E.
We were just getting to know each other. If I did something stupid tell me: I won't do it again. Please let's start over again. I'll be as patient as Job. —M.

Gem Of A Woman Seeking Part-Time Lover
Friendly, pretty young woman seeking friendly pretty woman for light-hearted sex/occasional dating. I'm white, bisexual, artist by trade & have an extraordinary 2-year-old daughter whom I adore. Not interested in commitment, just companionship & lovemaking. Please: local, socially flexible. I like all types, don't be silly! Call ★★4362.

Someone Like You?
Where are all the other,sane, independent, fun, attractive, humorous, feminine females? I'm early 30s, brn/bl, slender, adventuresome, emotionally and financially stable, highly educated and seeking someone with similar traits. Shared weaknesses might include: brunch in Marin, lengthy hikes, museums, shopping, gardening, giddy laughter, topical discussions, honesty, kindness and amusement park rides. If the thought of a new friend blows your skirt up too, drop me a line. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Boxholder, PO Box 3816, San Rafael 94912.

G-Spot 2/6/93
Across the dancer's stage, I believed we exchanged smiles. Unfortunately, I was too shy to respond. When I got the nerve, you were gone. Myself: Asian, 5'6", wearing a scarf. Yourself: white, 5'5", incredibly gorgeous, wearing a green sweater. If you feel there was a mutual connection, please respond. Call ★★4363.

"unraveling double entendres"
this time i'm seeking for whom i can be. this time i'm asking for what i can give. a woman for a woman willing to plunge into a moment's passion & linger through sunsets & sunrises. someone who can believe & stay & be here & now. cathexis. 37-yr-old eclectic artiste/entrepreneur wish to evolve w/creative dynamic attractive intelligent tallish sophisticated androgynous svelte professional n/s 32-42-yrs old exhilarated by psychosocio/ontological dialectics while savoring paella valenciana. challenge to wine/dine/dance & wake up w/me. pls no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★4364.

"untangling a mystery"
C.—you w/the sultry voice. leaving a message for #3719 over the valentine weekend. yes, i would also like to talk to you, but give me the correct phone number—double entendre needing to be unraveled, pls. call back. Call ★★4365.

Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue
If you're cute and butch I want to go out with you. I like the Gap and comedy too, sexy voices turn me on—this I know is true. 25-35 is an age for you. Walking the Castro and kissing are some things you like to do. If k.d. lang and Dr. Seuss appeal to you, give me a call. I bid you adieu. Call ★★4366.

Fantasy Lover
Hi, sexy! Well, for six weeks I have driven you nuts with my letters, fantasies & presents. Now is your chance to reply with all those pent-up emotions. Don't hold anything back. Let me read & feel those loving, lustful thoughts. Write soon because I'm waiting and willing. As always, "Your Fantasy Lover." Reply BT Box FB12B or call ★★4367.

Mystery Blonde Geologist
While you were trying to solve the mystery I was admiring your beautiful shoulders and flawless back. Can you believe I killed Richard? Let's go out and talk about the others. Call ★★4368.

Butch On Butch/Fag On Fag
Kneel down, please, and close your mouth around my dick. Deeper. Keep going. Now pull back and lick it. Yes. More. Now turn around and bend over. Spread your legs. I'm going to slide it in now. Are you ready? Good. I'm rocking back and forth behind you. Do you want me to stop? What? I can't hear you. Louder. That's better. I'll keep going now until you cum, then I'm going to lay on my back and take your fist up to your forearm. This is what I want for starters. If you take my breath away, I'll want more. Send me your picture. Reply BT Box FB13B.

A Curious Thing, These Ads...
... but, in the spirit of bold silliness and blind leaps of faith, I'd (gulp) love to meet a sweet girl who, like me, has an agile mind, a glint in her eye & a playful wit. I'm 36, easily amused, strong with a gentle touch & occasionally neurotic (friends, bless them, see this as an endearing little quirk!). I love the woods, the water, canoes, the rain & fog. Separatists send me screaming wildly in the opposite direction—but a flexible, "woodsy" kind of gal who also loves the City, and who can laugh at herself, would be a treat. Reply BT Box FB14B or call ★★4369.

Urbane Lesbian, 34
Longs for one woman, 33-48, empathic Snow White type with wise-ass tendencies, a vivid intellectual who has singular style, the means to partake in a choice SF abode (sophisticated sanctum), the purview of opera to poker and the talent for quietly captivating tete-a-tetes. I treasure books, jazz, older films, shimmering wit (noir), poise, candor and women. I offer opinion, understanding, health, allure, perspicacity, depth and sensation. Reply BT Box FB15B or call ★★4370.

Wonderful Courtship
Desired. Old-fashioned kind of girl, 30s, romantic, feminine, intellectually curious, independent, creative, sensitive, leggy blonde. Book lover, swimmer, beginning artist, loyal friend. Looking for someone to love and to hold for the long-term. Seeking smart, funny, emotionally available, sweet-talking butch type to capture my imagination and sweep me off my feet. It's time. Call ★★4371.

Upbeat, Adventuresome Lesbian Wanted!
Sometimes silly Sagittarian with keen sense of fun and adventure would love to conspire with a smart, funny, secure and compassionate woman over 35. I am over 40, educated, love the outdoors, music, movies, working out, sports, C/W dancing, reading, good sex, sensual encounters and most of all laughing. Please—no drugs, cigarettes or feline allergies. A love of animals, mysteries, SF location and ability to not take oneself too seriously, definite pluses! Call ★★4372.

More Sex
Less lesbionic psychobabble. Smart, sexy butch seeks same for fling, flame, fuck. Completely uninterested in spiritual growth; I want your body, not your inner child. Call ★★4373.

Make Me Femme (Or, Leash The Butch Princess)
Looking for that particular breed of butch that can appreciate my boy butch exterior, but spot and make hot the femme within. Not looking to compete, change or be changed, but rather to draw out playfully my lost-gendered sexual self. S/M switch, but would love to bottom if you truly knock my heels into the air and leave no room for debate. However, with the right gentledyke a mere waltz could send me. Bottom lines: female positive, safer sex positive. Pluses: older, intense, working class. Me: 29, 5'2", 120#, green eyes. Reply BT Box FB16B or call ★★4374.

Pervert
Looking for trouble. I do: drag queens, dogs and female girls of all persuasions. I don't do: BACW, law enforcement officials, or boys. Call and let me hear your heavy breathing. Call ★★4375.

My friends and I are wondering where all the femme lesbians in their 30s are. You don't meet them in nightclubs! I am 32, live in the East Bay, my friends are in their 30s, professionals and non-professionals. We play tennis, go to movies, clubs, the ballet, opera, or just hang out at home or in the Castro. We aren't substance abusers, and don't have attitude. We are looking for friends to hang out with and have a good time. If you are interested, call or write. Reply BT Box FB17B or call ★★4376.

South Bay S/M Geeky Grrrl
Looking for queer friends, playmates in the South Bay. Nice girls: I like reading history, sci fi, poetry, etc., walking in parks, exploring the Internet. Bad grrrls: I am exhibitionist, femme dom. slut into play piercing, cutting, shaving, fisting, writing/reading porn. I don't care if you're naughty or nice or how old you are. Queer boys also welcome. Write to BT Box FB18B.

Passion
Let's be blunt. As is my nature to be so. I'm looking for a LTR. Must be able to verbally communicate, handle a large amount of passion. Attention. Love. Me: young, stable, funny, kind, tall, brownish-red hair/blue eyes, slim, emotionally healthy as well as physically. I live in N.B., willing to travel, especially to a cafe w/great mochas. Take a chance. Call! Call ★★4377.

Surf's Up
Have searched the Pacific for another lesbian boogie boarder but none have surfaced. It's lonely out on the water. Would like to share the wonder of an ultimate ride, perhaps beyond the first wave a kiss would be nice. Wet suit a must, it's not Hawaii. Native San Franciscan—a rarity! Attractive, 38, 5'1", JL, professional, creative, artistic, humorous, love to travel, romantic. Semi-gourmet cook, eat most everything (when proven safe), love to do life. Reply BT Box FB19B or call ★★4378.

Your Mystery Valentine Awaits...
If you enjoy keeping pace with an energetic, creative, outgoing, diversified GWF, 37, 5'8", stocky blonde athletic soft butch (yet very much a woman!). My friends all say I'm a real sweetheart, but Cupid's been too busy to return my call. Yes, I'm looking for an eventual relationship, but not at warp speed or from arrow wounds. Perhaps we could meet for sports (esp. golf, tennis, softball, track, pool, swimming and football), scenic hikes & drives, comedy, movies, dinner in/out (I love to cook), motorcycling, karaoke singing, photography and just talking life and politics in a relaxed atmosphere. I'm also an ambitious, aspiring professional singer with a passion for excellence, and especially appreciate women who are 28-40, outgoing, serious about career, dreams and responsibilities, yet can unleash a fabulous sense of humor to balance it all. Let's meet as friends and see where the journey takes us. Reply BT Box FB20B or call ★★4379.

I Wanna Come... (Merely A Suggestion)
Wacky redhead seeks soft butch dykes for dates. Let's do the womyn thang and read Mary Daly to each other at Radio Valencia... Not! More like Susie Bright... Call ★★4380.

M, we double-dated for a Lyon-Martin benefit over two years ago. Now your ex and my ex are in postal "Heaven" together. I hear you may be in law school. Please respond, so we can share some torts. —N. Reply BT Box FB21B or call ★★4381.

Island girl looking for good times. Possibilities endless. Reply BT Box FB22B or call ★★4382.

Take A Step Out...
To discover simple pleasures and simple fun with someone: 31, open-minded, open-hearted, financially stable, sensitive, sincere, honest and true, attractive, physically fit, playful and passionate! That is, if you are similarly 30+, have a full life with time to share and are also looking to expand your circle of friends and perhaps... we can compare notes later. That's half the fun! Reply BT Box FB23B or call ★★4383.

For A Good Time, Call...
A fat Jewish (come)passionate non-fru-fru femme who loves to laugh in and out of bed and who is looking for some horny butch wimmin who are smart, funny, honest, progressive and communicative. Call ★★4384.

Single Again
I am a 31-yr-old, GF, racial mixed. My friends say I'm attractive (it's in their contract). I have a great sense of humor as well as personality. I'm looking to make new friends. What I'm looking for is a blessing that's not in disguise. Reply BT Box FB24B or call ★★4385.

Debutantes Come Out
Me: striking soft butch looks, 48, sense of humor, versatile interests, adventuresome, intuitive, confident lover, Southern warmth, rebellious debutante seeking dates for fun, laughter, respect & friendship leading to a special romance. You: graceful, soft femme/fluffy looks, ideally 43-53, seductive switcher or butch in the sheets, open emotionally and available, gregarious, wise, affectionate, looking for relationship with an equal. It's OK to simply leave your name & phone number, I'll call back. Call ★★4386.

Somewhere Other Than The Night
Good-looking, sensitive Cancer, looking for romance, securely employed, looking for new friend(s) and maybe more. I like AMC, ST:TNG, C&W, biking, fine wines with good dining and staying young. I'm in my 30s, like my hair short, routinely exercise, normal weight and sport a fine attire. You could be 25+, attractive, energetic, believe in LTRs and monogamy, honest, caring, not into recovery or drugs, who will excite the passion we both long for and deserve. Same interests are not necessary only the will to give and care and laugh. Let this spring bring us new beginnings. Reply BT Box FB25B or call ★★4387.

Warm Clear Energy
Is what I'm looking for and what I have to offer. I'm looking for companionship—someone to share movies, meals, stimulating conversation and numerous other activities. I'd love to meet others interested in golfing, rafting and camping (all on an amateur level, please). One of my favorite things? A daylong drive up or down the coast highway. Another favorite? Shopping for nothing in particular or spending hours browsing through bookstores. I am emotionally aware and honest with others and, importantly, with myself. My experience with life is comfortable and unpretentious. I have realistic goals along with a few unrealistic ones. I like to dream and, yes, even embellish in a few fantasies. So pick up the phone or drop me a line and maybe we'll do a movie or whack at a few golf balls if the weather is good. All responses will be answered, so don't be shy. Reply BT Box FB26B or call ★★4388.

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Poker Anyone? (Or Maybe Risk)
GWM, 30, seeks other guys looking for a poker game that's social, but also competitive. Or, if you're a serious Risk player who plays to win, that's cool, too. I live in Castro Valley, but commuting's no problem. Since the emphasis is on friendship, I'll meet all respondents first to ensure general compatibility. A photo (returnable with mine) is appreciated so there'll be no surprises on either end (but not required). Write: A.T.H., PO Box 281103, SF 94128.

Gay Games IV
Looking to meet other women athletes training for Gay Games IV—all sports—to exchange tips on exercise, nutrition, training strategies, and possibly get together for group training sessions. Call ★★4471.

Daytime Adventures
East Bay Jewish lesbian, late 30s, with good mind, good sense of humor, recovering from illness, seeks daytime friends for movies, lunch and other daytime adventures. Lesbians and gay men who are working with issues related to living well with serious illness particularly encouraged, but other daytimers welcome. Call ★★4472.

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Bored "Housewife"
Happily married GAM, 26, interested in establishing social network/calendar with other "housewives"/friends. Events include shopping, bridge, hanging out, dancing, "doing lunch," movies, "girls night out" and just plain socializing. Interested in joining the land of the living again. Animated perky people a definite plus! Who knows? Double dating? Call ★★4473.

Hike And Bike In Marin
GWF, 30, looking to develop friendships with other physically active women who like to hike, mountain bike or just walk the Tennessee Valley Trail. I love living in Mill Valley but most of my friends are still in the City, and I'm feeling isolated out here in Marin. So if you prefer the great outdoors to sitting in a bar on the weekends, please call and let's explore Mt. Tam together. Call ★★4474.

Exchange Erotic Videos, Massage, Orchids?
More interests: visiting Palm Springs, consumer & disability advocacies, the sea, overnight trips, dining out, environmental illness, parlor (word) games, the enneagram, animals, pre-'80s films, disclosing conversation, sophisticated foreign cultures, robust fun, public estate sales, teratology, shopping, clinical medicine. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Poetry And Community
Lesbian poetry group forming by published poet for poets who'd like to share own work and read work of others. Supportive atmosphere for committed writers. Call ★★4475.

Ballroom Dancing
I've wanted to learn ballroom dancing for some time now, so I'm giving this a shot. I don't have any experience with ballroom dancing per se (except for one cha cha class way back in the mists of time), but I do have a fair amount of experience with other forms of dance (modern, belly, and Morris), and although I'm a bit rusty and out of shape, I do pick up new dance styles pretty fast. Other beginners would be great—we can be klutzes together for a while—but you can be pretty much any level as long as you're patient with my lack of expertise. I'm willing to lead or follow, although I'm somewhat more temperamentally inclined toward the former. I'd prefer queer-oriented classes (if we can find one), but freaking out the folks at Arthur Murray would also be fine. Other dykes preferred—bi women are more than welcome—but feminist faggots are okay, too. This is not a sex ad, but please don't be biphobic or anti-S/M. Please reply BT Box FB600B or call ★★4476.

Looking For A Skipper, Not A Lover
BiWM, 24, fit—a sailor whose only love right now is the sea—looking to crew on local boat for racing, daysails, or extended cruise. Experience on small boats only—I spend 1 or 2 days a week on the Bay, mostly in dinghies, singlehanded. Honest, dedicated, fast learner. Easygoing, open-minded. Let's talk about the possibilities. Write: PO Box 170111, SF 94117.

Middle East, Greek Americans
Greeks and Grecophiles sought by GWM, who gives great massage, to share passion for all things Greek: music, food, language, islands and people. Prefer considerate and nonsmokers. I teach some Greek kai thelo na mathaino perisoteros. Pandrimeni oxi problema. Diakritikos simfonoume. Arithmosmou exioktomia midenepta miaempta potluck ellinika. Mou aresei oi ellines para polee. Euxaristo. Brown is beautiful! Call ★★4477.

Black Lesbians, 31-40 Yrs. Old
Do you like any of these activities: card games, board games, movies, plays, going to concerts (pop, rhythm & blues, jazz), sporting events, going to dinner, talking about books or current events. Live in the East Bay? Not into abusing alcohol or smoking. Then please call. Maybe we could do some of these activities together. Call ★★4478.

Lesbian Parents of Young Boys
P/t lesbian co-parent of active, engaging, 4-year-old boy looking for others for playmates and sharing ideas on raising compassionate, pro-feminist men. Available weekends only. Let's talk and play in East Bay. Call ★★4479.

Snowboarders From Hell!
Where are you? Handsome & athletic young GWM in the East Bay wants to meet same for mountain biking in the East Bay hills & snowboarding in the mountains (I'm a beginner). Have Jeep, will travel! Let's go! Gay, bi, straight OK. Call ★★4480.

QWF (Queer Writing Females)
We are a group of serious queer women writers who... wait. Start again. We are a group of frivolous queer women who are, nevertheless, quite serious about writing. By serious, we mean (a) serious about improving our work and (b) serious about getting our work published. (Some of us are already published, some are not.) We are looking for others of our ilk to expand (slightly) the size of our group. Purpose of the group is to provide motivation and constructive criticism, and to help overcome procrastination, writer's block, laziness, low self-confidence, and other writer's diseases. Ground rules: We meet every other week. If you don't bring something you've written, or if you skip a meeting without having a darned good reason, you have to bring homemade brownies to the next meeting. Please be sex-positive, bi-positive, S/M-positive, sex-worker-positive, blah, blah, blah. No poetry, we can't cope with it. If you're interested, please send a sample of your work to BT Box FB601B. (P.S., if you answered this same ad last year, please answer again—we apologize for not getting back to you, but we got distracted.)

Deadheads
We're organizing a contingent of gay/lesbian/bi Deadheads for the Gay Freedom Day Parade, with the theme "No Time to Hate." We'll have an organizational meeting March 20 (watch the Calendar section). If you want to march with us or get involved or just meet other gay/lesbian/bi Deadheads, call ★★4481.

Womyn In Need
Progressive Chinese male, youthful and athletic, 45, 5'9", wishes to meet similar female counterpart for friendship. Enjoy politics, world and local events, arts, dancing, dining out, hiking, gardening and diverse music. Interested in broadening and sharing life experiences, especially with an Asian womyn. Must have a sense of humor, be kindhearted, have a touch of class and somewhat calm, cool and collected. PO Box 27024, SF 94127 or call ★★4482.

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Attractive TS
Like to meet attractive, masc., hairy, slim WM, 35-47, who is very active, sensual, a lot of kissing, touching, a bottom, a lot of cocktails for two, possible ongoing friendship/companionship. Call ★★4431.

Tri
Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. RSVP, Box 885291, SF 94188-5291.

Bi Woman Seeking Cute Bi Guy
I'm 30ish, attractive, bright, compact. My last few lovers have been women. Would love a bisexual male buddy for hanging out, fooling around (safely), dancing, saunas, "cultural" outings, and generally being pals. Seeking someone politically left (important), funny, nonsmoking, comfortable relating outside of gender roles, kind, sensual, sane, HIV-, preferably SF resident. I am all of the above. Open to all races. Reply BT Box FB300B or call ★★4432.

Yin My Yang
Eurasian (Japanese/Irish, etc.) dude, 5'8", 155 lbs., brown eyes, long brown hair, buffed, smooth, 30thirtysomething. Likes swimming, saunas, sushi, Scriabin, and absolutely safe sex. I would like to meet svelte playmates, Asian or Caucasian, male or female, under 30something for heavy petting. Reply BT Box FB301B.

Feminine Boy
Small, cute, dark bisexual with soft white body. HIV+ research biologist, intensely researching treatments, feeling discouraged about it all. Seeks female goddesses of all types, from perverted demons to nurturing mommies. Safe sensuality, lots of cuddling, talking, tenderness, friendship, walks, S/M. Would love you to hurt my weenie. I'm not possessive, not a pest. I'm independent, educated, spiritual. Call ★★4433.

Know Me Now!
Comic book reading, drawing (and looking) daily performance artist, into bands from Coil to Chumbawamba, seeks some surreal pals (dykes, bikes, trans etc.) for... um... fun. P.S. I am technically a girl. Call ★★4434.

Korean/Japanese Master
Willing to train 1st time, handsome, white boy; straight/bi only. No leather pros. PO Box 26871, SF 94126 or call ★★4435.

Bisexual, HIV+, asymptomatic, 30, 5'9", 160, looking for strong female, business-oriented, no addictions. Race unimportant. Call ★★4436.

Gayboy Seeks Gaygirl
For gay times. Young, hung, tattooed, pierced, cute seeks pretty girls for non-straight hetero-sex. Call ★★4437.

Insatiable Bisexual
In search of a seductive, attractive, sensual femme, 25-37, to satiate my pent-up cravings to experience a woman for the first time. I'm 30, white, fit, petite, dark brown hair, brown eyes, attractive, passionate, adventurous, creative. Enjoy the arts, exploring, self-aware and committed to personal growth. East Bay. Call ★★4438.

Whatevah
Lonely queer boy in Iowa seeks phone sex with androgynous nymphs, long-haired studs, sleazy dykes, Black drag queens and maybe, in the near future, pre-pubescent boys (18+). Plus, I'll be back in SF by August. Me: tall, blond, thin, nice muscular legs, queer, paganish, political, dope smoking, open-minded and so on. Don't be Christian, Republican or in need of immediate sexual contact. Motorcycles a plus. Call ★★4439.

Metal Postcards
Recently out as bi, this femme Latina wants to meet other bi's for friendship and maybe more. Me: 18, modern rocker black clothes wearing movie watching chugging iced coffee and smoking GPC's in sleazy cafes. You: similar, 18-21, looking for fun. Femme women especially encouraged. Call ★★4440.

Bodies With Brains
BiWM looking to expand circle of bi friends. I would like to find people to do things with on weekends and mornings during work week. I am an athletically inclined man who enjoys swimming, weight training, tropical beaches, hiking, intellectual conversations and other pursuits. If you are between 20-50 and similarly inclined, then let's meet. Let's exchange photos and correspondence first, and sharpen our literary skills. Reply BT Box FB302B.

White/Latin Jocks
Proud of your body? Enjoy being in front of a camera in a sensual erotic portrait? Taken by young amateur GAM photographer. No exp. required. Be 18 to 35 y.o. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★4441.

Lesbians/Bi Women
Please let me watch! BiWM, attractive, slim, 29, quiet, wishes to fulfill a fantasy/curiosity of watching two females do it with each other. My level of participation is optional and up to you. One time or more. Discreet. Please call! Call ★★4442.

In A Dilemma
AM, bi-curious, seeks those who have thought about being gay or bisexual. If in the same shoes or thought about this also, please reply. Not ready for sex, but will try other things. Would like someone inexperienced also, although someone with experience is OK. My stats: 5'5", 22. Please be of similar age, disease-free, super safe. Call ★★4443.

Tall, skinny, attractive, 24-year-old man looking for others for fun with/without sex. If you are cute, not too cool to be nice, in control of your sexuality and not too wrapped up in roles, let's hang out. I don't care if you're a girl, boy or in-between. If you are kinky, passionate and smart, I bet we could make each other burn. Call ★★4444.

Come With Me To The Rubyfruit Jungle
Sexy BiF, slim, late 20s, wants F/M couple or BiF to attend Rubyfruit's opening night. If you're into glamour and steamy passion, then let's dance the entire night away. Call ★★4445.

Inept Bi Latino
In the past few years I've found my attraction to women growing stronger. Now is the time to act on these attractions. I would like to meet individuals and couples for safe sensual fun. Prefer Latinas/os. Me: 25, 5'3", 110 lbs., hairy, brown eyes, black hair. Call ★★4446.

Are You Tired Of Settling For Sex...
... When you really want physical intimacy? I'm open to anything from quietly cuddling and conversing in bed to playful wrestling with/without J/O. I'm bright, musical, humorous, compact build, bald, hairy body, GWM, 40, Jewish, HIV-. You're assertive, young-faced, medium build or heavier, full head of hair (queer cuts welcome). G/Bi/Q white/Asian/Amind. Us: cleanshaven, no smoke/drink/drugs (light drinking okay). If friendship also develops, that's wonderful; but this is a physical intimacy ad. Please write Boxholder, PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★4447. (English/Cantonese.)

Vajrapani
Renegade African Tibetan Buddhist into writing, photography, esoterica, sexual healing, Mother Earth, spiritual trips, seeks to meet bi woman with similar interests, for safe sex sensualities, hanging out and doing buddy things together. Not looking for exclusive relationships or monogamy but commitments to self-discovery and truth seeking. I am bi WM, 45, clean, sober, HIV-, 5'10", 160, sexually dominant but versatile. Into S/M but you don't have to be. Call ★★4448.

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TRANS

Attractive TS
Like to meet attractive, masculine, hairy, slim WM, 35-47, who is very active, sensual, a lot of kissing, touching, a bottom, a lot of cocktails for two, possible ongoing friendship/companionship. Call ★★4461.

SF
Wish to meet and become friends & lovers with bi woman. Am 40 y.o. and identify with women and am MTF transsexual. Prefer feminine side of myself. Romantic, sometimes intense, respectful and passionate, 6 ft., must love coffee. Call ★★4462.

Seeking Sensuous Pre-Op
MTF TS who is affectionate, intelligent, down-to-earth, and sexually adventuresome. You like lots of physical attention, like to touch and be touched. You enjoy having your body worshipped by a very oral SWM, 40, seeking a very erotic relationship. I'm very turned on by an attractive woman with a nice cock. HIV- only, no STDs. Call ★★4463.

You: Transsexual Or Hermaphrodite
Me: WM, 29, straight/bi, attractive, slim, professional, casual, masculine, gentle, kind, horny. I would love to meet you and have fun! Please call now! Call ★★4464.

Pretty & Petite
The regular guy with children looking for a late 30s TS should call again. I lost your number. Reply Box 229, 3311 Mission St., SF 94110 or call ★★4465.

NEW!
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MESSAGES

A & S
Would you guys tell your roommate to call me so I can ask her out? —The Blonde Geologist. Call ★★4494.

L.—Red Hair
Don't know me. Took over one month to find out your name. Seen you at Cafe Sn. Marcos with tall, handsome Hispanic, goatee, leather jacket. My two friends (men) want you to take him to Cafe more often. Saw you Friday, Feb. 5; left early. Seen you at Product without him? Take him on March 6. My friends are crazy about him and his smile! Call ★★4495.

23rd & Guerrero
Tuesday, 2/16, approx. 1 pm. You just picked up your dry cleaning. We said hi in the crosswalk. I looked back, you looked back, etc. I'd like to meet you for coffee! Call ★★4645.

Pretty & Petite
The regular guy with children looking for a late 30s TS should call again. I lost your number. Reply Box 229, 3311 Mission St., SF 94110 or call ★★4465.

G-Spot, 2/6/93
Across the dancer's stage, I believed we exchanged smiles. Unfortunately, I was too shy to respond. When I got the nerve, you were gone. Myself: Asian, 5'6", wearing a scarf. Yourself: white, 5'5", incredibly gorgeous, wearing a green sweater. If you feel there was a mutual connection, please respond. Call ★★4363.

"Untangling A Mystery"
C.—You with the sultry voice, leaving a message for #3719 over the Valentine's weekend. Yes, I would also like to talk to you, but give me the correct phone number—double entendre needing to be unraveled. Pls call back. Call ★★4365.

Valentine's CW Dance Was Great
Except you left before I asked you to dance. You wore: white shirt, tan jeans, brown belt and boots. Your dark hair was pulled back. I wondered if you had a sweetheart among your friends, but before I figured it out, you were gone! Now I'd really like to know. I'm an East Bay woman with many interests, good looks, humor and optimism about life, and a hankering to dance in your arms. Take a chance! Reply BT Box FB9B or call ★★4346.

M., we double-dated for a Lyon-Martin benefit, over 2 years ago. Now your ex and my ex are in postal "Heaven" together. I hear you may be in law school. Please respond so we can share some torts. —N. Reply BT Box FB21B or call ★★4381.

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MEN

East Bay Pussy Boy
Wants to show you his hole, get you hard, take you up the ass, thank you for giving it to him, and beg you for more. (I like dirty talk.) Stats: 5'4", 145#, Black, 40 y.o., smoker. Please be in decent shape and attractive. This is not just a sex ad. I want to meet you and be seduced. Reply BT Box FB70B or call ★★4498.

Seeking Dominant Man
Dominant man into S&M and humiliation scenes sought for possible relationship by very good-looking WM, masculine and well-built, 36, 5'10", eager to fulfill your unusual or kinky desires (but nothing too intense or unsafe). Looking for sophisticated man who is masculine, preferably hairy, 35-45, good talker and knows what he wants. Call ★★4499.

Sonoma Co. Fuckbuddy(s) Wanted
It doesn't have to be love to be pleasurable. I'm a friendly, good-in-bed, masculine, 45 y.o. WM desiring to meet a WM sngl/cpl under 40 that equally enjoys TLC sex. Me: 5'7", br/blu, (thinning), HIV-, clean-cut, average build, nice-looking, sexually versatile but not kinky, prefer similar. Your place or mine. Newcomers, first-timers OK. Discretion assured. PO Box 6643, Santa Rosa 95406 or call ★★4500. Don't be shy, try.

G'Day Mate!
Just back from 3 weeks relaxing in Australia, I've figured out what I seek in a mate: an energized, masculine animal who is playful, a wordsmith with an intelligent mind—such as a career person or successful artist, excited by bondage/S&M scenes, but not already in permanent bondage to San Francisco. Dark-haired, HIV-, between 25 and 45, my mate is probably under 6' and definitely enjoys Greek, both ways, safely. I'm a

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career-oriented professional, 39, a broad-shouldered, strong-chested Sagittarius, independent, but very affectionate, I'm 6', hairy all over (except up top) with a big moustache and long-lasting staying power when I'm topping someone I love. We enjoy playing cards (or other games!) with another couple, movies and the theater, bicycling and perhaps swimming laps together. Bars and bathhouses are not the places to meet a long-term friend and form a stable relationship. Write today and begin sharing your hopes, dreams and fears with someone who cares, you boy-man you! G'day Mate, 5 Town & Country Village, Box 728, San Jose 95128.

Head Hunter

WM: trim, washboard body on this 5'6", 135 lb. frame. Above-average good looks, brn/brn, 49; handsome, full 7" + cock. Looking to share time, warm hugs and phenomenal head (no Greek) with good-humored guys with extra big dicks. I'm smart, affectionate, have an irreverent sense of humor, am emotionally secure and available. Do you keep in shape? Wanna date? Friendship a possibility. Let's talk! Call ★★4501.

East Meets Far East

European-born video producer, 48, seeks warm, communicative, sensual, nurturing relationship with Asian, 25-35, who values the deeper things of the heart. I'm a compassionate, spiritually oriented fellow with a fund of creativity as well as a large appetite for the comic. My friendships are lasting. Interests include the healing arts, language, community and stage performance. I'm 5'7", 150#, HIV-, with salt and pepper hair, gray-green eyes, Roman nose. I look 40, am trim and appealing. You're a sensitive, thinking guy, outside the bar circuit, who flourishes in the love of a more mature man. Let me be he. Call ★★4502.

A Lot Lost; A Lot Learned; A Lot Left

The epidemic has cost me a great deal: my cherished lover; many friends; the promise of a long life; grief, anxiety, sadness; and loss of some of the sense of lightness in life (Anyone still reading?). However, I still have a lot left: an active, ironic sense of humor; passion for many things/activities great and small (classical music, playing the piano, travel, Italy, Paris, literature, the arts, gardening, nature, men, sex); a good body (41 y.o., good-looking, HIV+, healthy, bl/brn/balding, moustache, 5'6", 140#, muscular/fit, other appealing physical characteristics); a deeply satisfying profession (psychologist); great family and friends; a comfortable home. I've survived so far sadder yet softer, somewhat heavier in tone yet deeper in purpose, less narcissistic/materialistic but more spiritual, more independent yet more conscious of our interdependence, stronger yet more flexible. I also still have the capacity for joy, playfulness and powerful sexual attractions. I'd like to meet reasonably fit and attractive men, approx. 37-47, HIV+ or -, psychologically minded and mature to see if some type of companionship might develop. Please write and include a photo. Reply BT Box FB71B.

Oral Slave

Needs masculine, aggressive master. You: 20s, 30s, early 40s, in-shape or stocky, from moderate to very hairy. Me: handsome GWM, 34, 5'10", 160 lbs., med. blnd/blue-green, lightly hairy, expert mouth, tongue and deep throat—not anal—into collars, bondage, S/M, emotional and physical submission/domination. Use me, use my hot mouth. Call ★★4503.

Ad Two

Last year's got me a great friend—this year's goal is a great boyfriend. GWM, 38, 185#, 5'11", HIV-. Just figured out that I, too, can go to a gym so toning-in-progress. Too shy to use a word like handsome in an ad but you can decide. Professional urban sort who thinks chemistry is everything. Saturday dinner, Sunday paper, walk on the beach or explore something new. Looking for someone similar with great eyes and a killer smile. Photo would be great, but a letter will do it. Reply BT Box FB72B.

Straight, under 24, hoop/football player, seeks friend and/or partner who is ambitious, successful, handsome+, discreet and stable. Someone who, like me, always carefully scans personal ads, but never replies. I'm a sportsman and student, tall, 215, girl magnet (yuck!), unpromiscuous, family-oriented, who likes beer, bears, mom and CNN. Yearn for a date with a big or stocky professional who is selective, unpromiscuous, charming, un-gay, and happy to explain tie tying, throw the football and watch ESPN. Please, no advantage-takers. Send letter and (returnable) photo. Discretion is guaranteed on my honor. Reply BT Box FB73B.

In This Life

We should surround ourselves with people we like and have pastimes that bring us pleasure. So this GLM is looking for big/stocky, well-hung tops, bear-types a plus, for hot safe action. Photo appreciated. Reply to PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010 or call ★★4504.

OK, I'm Ready Now!

Very cute GWM, 32, brown hair, green eyes, 150 lbs., in-shape, masculine and HIV+, seeks masculine, attractive, in-shape GWM, 25 to 42, for possible relationship. My interests are music, from classical to modern dance & rock, great food & wine, reading, movies, travel, spirituality and I love to laugh. I like men who are masculine, good kissers, versatile, sensual and intelligent. A detailed letter with personal description and interests would be appreciated. Reply BT Box FB74B or call ★★4505.

Looking For Younger

You: 21-28, blond or redhead, military or college student. Do you need a place to stay off-base or to get away to study? I like a good body, clean-shaven good-looks, body hair (chest & legs). Call or write w/photo, let's talk. Serious inquiries pls. Me: 6', 190 lbs., 38, great personality, good looks & body. East Bay. I live alone. PO Box 1551, Martinez 94553 or call ★★4506.

Happy, well-adjusted GWM, 32, 5'10", 170, looking for new friends to go to the beach and possibly date. I am athletic, successful, off-beat, down-to-earth, stubborn, handsome, caring and very much my own man. I enjoy driving fast, volunteer work, mountain biking, reading and spending time with kids. Also, HIV- and more bottom than top. While I am not "searching" for a relationship, it would be great to meet some fun, integrity-filled guys and let the chemistry determine the rest. If this feels right, drop me a note and photo. I will return your photo—promise. Reply BT Box FB75B or call ★★4507.

Friend/Partner

Sought by good-looking, warmly seductive, bilingual GLM, 41, 5'6", 180#, HIV-, moustache, dark brown eyes, and brown hair (thinning), hairy, health care professional, Ph.D. student at U.C. I am sensitive, non-submissive, passionate, caring and sincere. I enjoy simple things, like dinner for two, a movie, a walk on the beach, sitting under a tree enjoying a picnic and a beautiful sunset. I want a sensitive, masculine GM who is not into roles, accepts being gay and is emotionally available. Please be employed, HIV-, 38-48, weight in proportion to height and not afraid of public affection. Hairy a+. Take a chance, let's have coffee and if the chemistry is right, we can plan more dates. I live and work in SF. Reply BT Box FB76B or call ★★4508.

Boy-Next-Door Bottom Into Bondage

Appearances can be deceiving. On the one hand I'm a very handsome GWM, blond, masculine, fit, a boyish 28, 5'10", 165#, HIV-, a profesional, a hopeless romantic and a dynamic high achiever with varied interests who approaches life with a sense of humor. Your mother would love me. Yet, I'm also a fairly inexperienced bottom into heavy leather B&D. If you're under 35, have your head together, are confident, honest, masculine, HIV-, creative, aggressive, cleanshaven and a total top who leaves his leather outfits in the bedroom where they belong, I just might be the right one for you. No one-nighters need apply. I'm looking for keeps. I don't want a daddy or a master; just a partner who's a top, and a relationship where hot bondage can co-exist with romantic nights by the fireplace. I'm a hell of a catch and I'm looking for someone who knows he deserves the best. Reply BT Box FB77B.

Going My Way?

Youthful, slim runner, 50s, HIV-, sincere, caring and masculine. Enjoys outdoors, cycling, nature, shows, movies, dinners and home. Looking for an active, fit guy who is happy with life, has a positive attitude and who would like to spend weekends exploring the area and each other. Open to other activities. If you don't call, I'll have to go alone. Two's better. OK? Call ★★4509.

Foot Fetish

Good-looking, athletic, 30-yr-old GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., seeks other good-looking men under 35, who are into it, either actively or passively. I am also very passionate and enjoy making it with another good-looking young man. Call me at ★★4510.

Hey Now...

GWM seeks other Deadheads that don't feel they need to act like any kind of stereotypical caricature, straight or otherwise, and are comfortable acting like themselves. Me: 33, 5'10", 150 lbs., blond/blue, slender, in-shape, cleanshaven; interests include playing the guitar, serious backpacking, surfing/bodyboarding, heavy metal, Grateful Dead shows, rollercoasters. You should have an active interest in at least some of these things as well. Call ★★4511.

Well Equipped

Both physically and emotionally for the right guy with LTR in mind. I'm a successful, young 42, HIV-, very handsome, tall and gym-toned (6'3", 195). My tastes are diverse—my interests varied. But most important, I'm willing to experiment both in and out of bed. You should be likewise good-looking, masculine, 25-40, NS, more self-assured than self-important and willing to have fun, adventure and intimacy in an ever-evolving relationship. Call ★★4512.

Friend/Lover In SF

GWM, 54, healthy, HIV-. Stocky, clean-cut, stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Tired of being alone. Looking to share the good things in life, fun times and gentle loving with a masculine guy, mid-40s to mid-50s, who is secure and has a quiet sense of humor. Reply BT Box FB78B or call ★★4513.

Something More

Attractive, 35 y.o., blnd/blue, 6'1", toned and trim, well-endowed, GWM, seeks good-looking, attention-getting, Latin, Indian, Arab or other brown-skinned guy, tall or short, who's 20-35 y.o., on the smooth, built, boyish, preppyish side, strong and basically confident, yet gentle and caring, respectful, creative, and open to exploring the inner depths of individuality (hope this one doesn't sound too weird!), for romance, fun and games, and to get something more out of life. Please send photo (returned) and letter. Reply BT Box FB79B or call ★★4514.

Daddy's Boy Student Wanted

Away from home you need a man who supports you with much affection. Intelligent companionship more important than sex. I am retired professional, need some help (garden), musician, NS, ND, HIV-, have grown children. You must be cute, bright, not fat, like to travel. Call ★★4515.

Asian Massage

Enjoy a soothing, quality, satisfying massage by a 32 y.o., well-built, healthy Asian, 5'10", 158 lbs., certified in Swedish. No charge involved. Not interested in running a business, but love to give massage to a compatible, healthy, HIV-, traditional, clean-cut GWM. Will meet first, if mutually desired, then proceed on to massage when you call. Please include your age, height & weight. Call ★★4516.

Positive

Positive attitude, positive outlook, positive growth and positive HIV. But that's not all I'm about. Long hair, light-skinned, Latin, 35 yrs (look 30), 130 lbs., 5'6", very romantic and sensual. Looking to date, romance, court HIV+ African-American men, 20-40. I'm open to, but not looking for, one-night stands. There must be someone out there who can escape from the bar scene for a few nights a week to cuddle on the couch in front of the TV, make passionate romance in front of the fireplace, to share 9 am Sunday service at MCC and to be willing to work at forming a lasting, intimate relationship. All responses will be acknowledged, letters first. Reply BT Box FB80B or call ★★4517.

Like Bill Clinton

In age, not looks. Look more like Dustin Hoffman. I want to settle down with a warm, witty, creative, huggable, stable man. Maybe even raise kids. I value kindness and a sense of humor. I like singing and acting, vegetarian cooking and passionate discussions. I'm 45, 5'7", 150 lbs., light eyes, dark hair, HIV-. I tend to favor chunky, boyish-looking men, but personality is paramount. Call ★★4518.

Seeking Friend/Relationship!

I'm very attractive GAM, 31, 5'8", 140#, and straight-acting. I enjoy outdoors (backpacking, surfing, skiing), dancing and workout. I'm interested in meeting good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoking guys. I value friendships and I'm easygoing. You won't be disappointed. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★4519.

Where Eagles Fly

Let's fly together, spread our wings, man-to-man. I love life—good, bad, rewards. I am lit. crazy, moody, funny, believe life is a great gift. I am 5'10", 165, clean-cut, Black man, HIV+. I seek husky WM, 25-30, clean-cut, in-shape, who must enjoy running, camping, fitness; able to give and receive, man-to-man. If your wings are ready, let go. No games. Friendship/relationship. Call ★★4520.

Marin Man

Masculine GWM, 35, 6', 175 lbs., seeking similar men for friendship/relationship. I'm honest, stable, HIV-, artistic and a bit shy. You should be 28-45, affectionate, down-to-earth, in-shape and enjoy the outdoors, arts, safe sex, movies and music. Redheads a plus. Send letter and photo: M.N., PO Box 26, Fairfax 94978-0026.

UC Berkeley (?) College Guy Wanted

You are secure in your sexual identity, but perhaps new to gay life. You are friendly, good-natured, intelligent and sincere. You are ambitious, career-oriented and "on track" toward business or a profession. You are independent by nature, but require a friend and companion to realize your desires. I am a UC Berkeley graduate student in the College of Engineering. I am cute, boyish-looking, cleanshaven, and of medium height. I am somewhat romantic, intellectual and intense, and have plenty of time to spend with the right guy. Reply BT Box FB81B or call ★★4521.

Safe, Sane & Single

Me: versatile, gdlk, GBM, 5'10", 195#, mid-30s, bodybuilder. You: gdlk, GWM/GLM/GAM w/ moustache and similar characteristics who desires real love and is more than willing to work at our relationship. No drugs, nonsmoker and leather-boys w/hard buns are a+ in my book. Let's meet soon. Send photo. Reply BT Box FB82B or call ★★4522.

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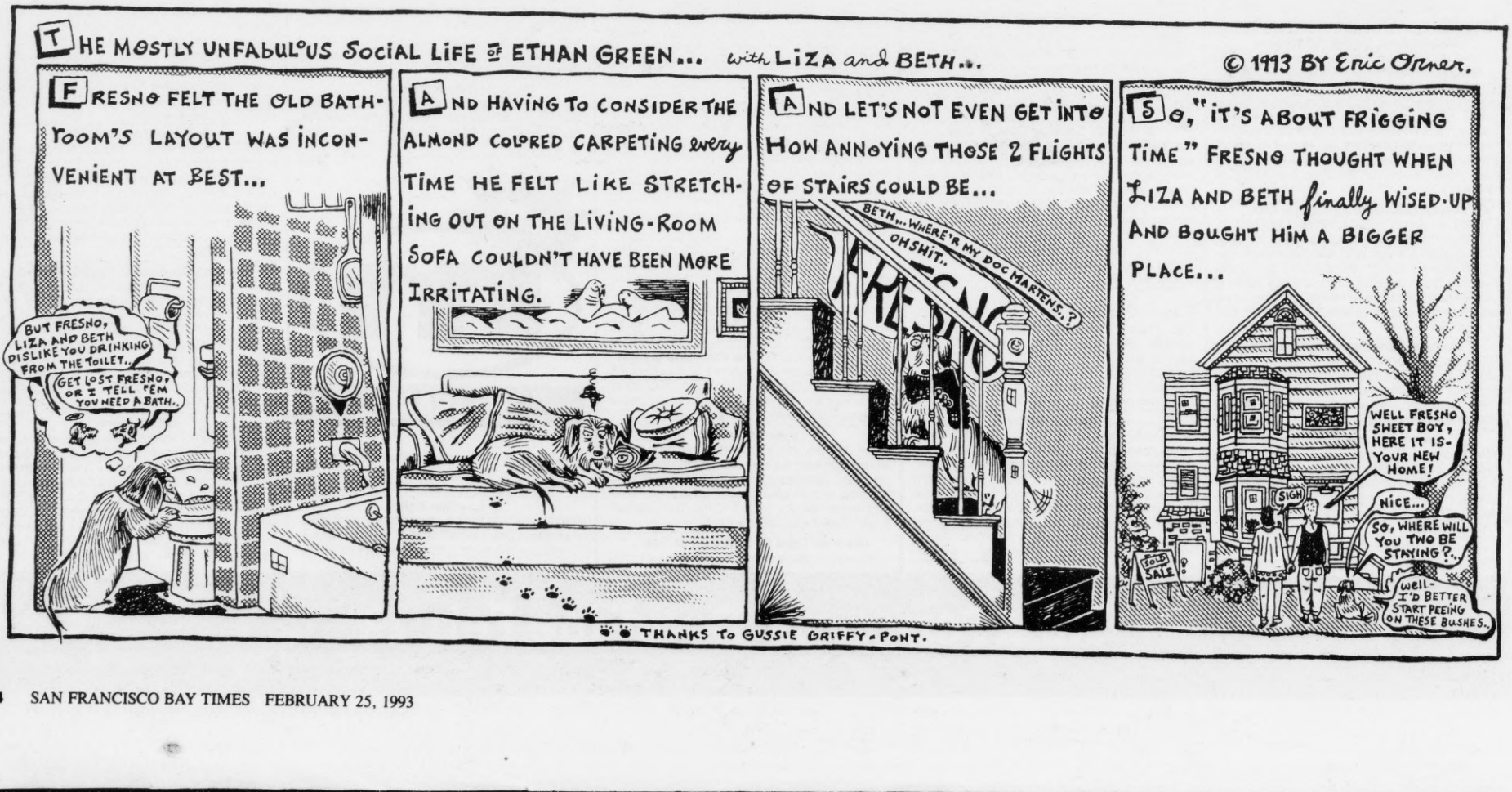
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By nice-looking GWM with yoga/swim-toned body, well-educated mind, and is 51 y.o. Likes all of the arts, and fitness, and the outdoors. HIV+ (healthy) and wants to see the world with a friend (nonsmoker). Reply BT Box FB83B or call ★★4523.

Very Healthy, Newly HIV+

I'm very masculine, handsome, affectionate, sensitive, caring, fun to be with. Looking for friendships/relationship, etc. Sexually bottom. I'm 29, 5'11", br/bl, 170#. I like theater, concerts, going to movies, romantic nights, kissing & cuddling for hours. I'm very happy now in my life and so are you. Let's get together for some quality time. I think you'll be happy you answered! Call ★★4524.

Frolic In The Bathtub

Tepid water falls from the faucet. Flickering candles illuminate the darkened bathroom. Fresh cut flowers add fragrance to the misty chamber. Soft music gently flows into the room. Cotton towels are folded on the countertop. Two men share the environment. Washing. Caressing. Laughing. Embracing. Washcloths and bath oils are optional. Romance, spontaneity and conversation are mandatory. Reply BT Box FB84B or call ★★4525.

Down-To-Earth

Asian, 5'10", 160 lbs., 29 y.o., brown skin, athletic, into cycling, reading, eating out (mostly ethnic foods), movies, music, goal- and career-oriented, but prefer unconventional and alternative thinking and lifestyles. Would like to meet a WM under 32, similar build and outlook. Don't be too self-absorbed or materialistic. Friendship most important but sex would be nice too. Call ★★4526.

Just If

If you're looking for an alternative to all these other ads; if you don't fit in the g-- scene; if you'd like to escape from the City, the rat race, and would like to explore what life is all about; if you're tired of being labeled; if you'd like to get close to nature and experience the good earth; if you could handle a stable, unhurried, domestic lifestyle where sex is not priority #1 (nor youth and physical beauty); and if you're looking for a mature partner who's clean and alcohol/drug-free the whole time or just someone lonely to share life with; and if you're clean, trustworthy, considerate and still somewhat innocent and a nice guy, then maybe we're looking for the same thing. Call ★★4527.

A Date Anyone?

Interested in a date? Possibly dining out, dancing, talking at cafes, movies, spending a romantic time at home or at a quiet spot? Seeking someone with similar personality, values and interest. I'm 20 y.o., 6'2", Asian male, mature, down-to-earth, considerate, intellectual, outgoing, romantic and straight-acting. If you're GAM/GWM/GLM, 20-30 y.o., relatively tall, then let's go for a fun time. Call ★★4528.

Hortisexual

East Bay plant fag, tired of dates with tree dahlias, ready for real thing with right guy. Tall, slim, good-looking, 38, HIV+. This is the row less hoed. Call ★★4529.

True Love

Triumphs... Integrity and commitment form the foundation of a long-lasting, monogamous relationship. Attractive GAM in his early 20s (5'7", 136 lbs.) seeks love that lasts. You: GWM/Eurasian, age 20s-30s; are well-educated, caring, conversant, career-minded and believing in love. I'm communicative, witty, humorous and wholesome. You must be clean-cut, cleanshaven, have a well-proportioned body, NS & ND. We enjoy good conversation, classical music, reading, economics, politics, nature. Call ★★4530.

Partner

Sought by 52-yr-old GWM, HIV-. You are likely 45 to 60; a GM who is also intelligent, kind, loving, affectionate and available with a good sense of fun and humor. You also sincerely want a committed, monogamous, equal partnership, and to continue growing and learning, to share ideas and conversation and time, to give and receive care. You enjoy the theater, travel, adventures. Please write to BT Box FB85B or call ★★4531.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks trim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121 or call ★★4532.

Masculine, Handsome, Affectionate

Romantic looking for same in a top. I'm 29, 5'11", br/bl & 170#. I like bowling, camping, theater, concerts, Italians, working out, romantic nights, kissing, cuddling for hours with someone special. Looking for relationship, friendship, etc. I'm relatively new to the area & find it difficult meeting people. So let's meet & see what happens. You won't be sorry. P.S. I have a sexy voice! Call ★★4533.

East Bay Friend Wanted

For a GWM that is 35 yrs. old. I am looking for someone that wants to be a friend and sex partner for more than a week or two. I enjoy men who are between 25 yrs. and 45 yrs., and who like sports, travel, evenings at home, and tall, well-built, balding men. I am sexually versatile, HIV-, and safe. I am 6'3", 185 lbs., fair skin. My ad is designed to look for a friend to be able to be intimate with and be sexual with. Reply BT Box FB86B or call ★★4534.

East Bay Great Catch

GWM, 39, 6'1", 185, green-eyed blond, good-looking, masculine and professional, seeking fellow NS, HIV-, good-looking, honest, hard-working/playing man who doesn't mind getting his fingernails dirty. I enjoy being outdoors, bicycling, auto restoration, and remodeling my San Leandro home. I enjoy modern rock, off-beat cinema, and am ready, willing and financially able to make a solid commitment to the right man. I generally gravitate toward the dark, hairy type, but I'm more interested in what's in your heart than what's on your head. Life's too short to go it alone. Take a chance, I may be the one you've been waiting for. Call ★★4535.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★4536.

Clean-Cut Motorcyclist

Turned on by cute/handsome guys in black leather motorcycle jackets. Me: 6'1", 31 y.o., br/br, nonsmoker, athletic, relationship-oriented, nervous top seeking patient bottom. You: GWM, younger, nonsmoker, HIV- & shorter a plus. PO Box 14241, SF 94114 or call ★★4537.

Love Is A Mountain

Afraid I'm fighting fate but impatient to find my love. At a higher plane of self-understanding, resolved all inner conflicts and looking for split-apart. But for now a date with a guy who's not after my jeans is a good start. You: 19-25, fit, conservative, talkative, in love and at peace w/yourself. Likes: arts and music, tea, cafes, sad movies, life. ND, NS, no games. Reply BT Box FB87B or call ★★4538.

The Quest Begins...

Now that I've spent time concentrating on my education and developing a career, I've discovered that I haven't spent much time focusing on my social life. I always figured that I'd meet the perfect guy through one of my friends. Come to find out I must be the token gay in all their lives, so I'm on my own in this quest. Stats: 27, GWM, brown/blue, 5'11", height/weight proportionate, goatee (which comes and goes) and slightly shy. Interests are eclectic and include coffee with friends, movies, playing in GG Park, dancing, modern rock, techno, Murphy Brown, computers, the arts, cooking, bowling, tennis and ACC basketball. If you can be serious and still enjoy Calvin & Hobbs, we might just hit it off. Looking for someone who likes to take things slowly and actually enjoy dating before getting sexually involved. You should be similar to the above description, smoke tolerant, have a warped sense of humor, in fairly good shape (possibly interested in a beginning gym schedule or teaching me how to play racquetball), emotionally stable and a hopeless romantic. Call ★★4539.

Husband Material North Bay

Handsome and sexy GWM, 53, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive, masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and weekend outings. Prefer HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape. You are youthful at least in outlook, have a good sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★4540.

Possibilities

You could be 30 or 40something, an easygoing man with a head on his shoulders and wide-ranging interests. And maybe you're a big guy with a well-exercised body, a sense of humor and a nice smile. Then if you were an affectionate fucker with a big one and a good kisser that would be cool. Good-looking, healthy, br/br, 6'3", 180, 43, NS, HIV+, gym, fit, masc. Call ★★4541.

I Know You're Out There

Good-looking GWM, 32, brn/blu, 165#, 5'11", cleanshaven, baseball player type; muscular & masculine. Clean/sober, asymptomatic HIV+. Active, interested in food, movies, cycling, racquetball, hiking. Strongly spiritual; have done a lot of inner work and am seeking someone who's working on their "Stuff." Sensitive, strong and playful. I'm looking for a handsome, fit, open-hearted, 30-40-year-old man who has similar qualities and is honest and willing to communicate. Call ★★4542.

Man From Switzerland

I've been here one month to learn English and will stay until December, maybe more. I'm 29, 180 cm. Interested in movies, ballet, classical music, bridge, skiing and eating in restaurants. Seeking white men 26-35 y.o., bearded, moustached and big. If possible for a meaningful relationship. Call ★★4543.

Big-Hearted, Warm, Loving Guy

Are you a warm, caring, sensitive guy who is courageous and likes to enjoy life to the fullest? Does the thought of a long-lasting, monogamous relationship with deep love excite you? Do you like to travel & have fun? If so, I am a mature law student in a wheelchair with a slight speech impediment who will shortly be a lawyer & who wants a permanent, loving companion & lover to share my life. If these values are true to what you're looking for let's meet & make it happen. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704.

A Spanking That Feels Good

This attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs., top, is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees. You: attractive GWM, 18-35, with a hungry butt. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now. Call ★★4544.

Uncut Black Man

Is wanted by a W. man that's HIV-, in 40s, blue eyes, a lot of fun in and out of bed. Prefer the quiet, employed type man that avoids the gay lifestyle and craves hot, raw sex and romantic dinners (on me is cool) with a straight-looking, personable man. You must have foreskin. Call ★★4545.

Contra Costa County

GWM, 31, seeks another GWM interested in a monogamous relationship that begins with friendship. I'm 5'9", 155 lbs., masculine, HIV-, brown eyes, brown hair, moustache, good-looking but non-gym-toned. You're under 35, clean-cut, masculine, HIV-, average to muscular build and don't use drugs or smoke. I enjoy hiking, bike riding, movies, music, dinners out and quiet evenings at home. Call ★★4546.

GWM Seeks Asian

For friendship & possibly more. Not interested in one-night stands. Enjoy music (light rock to classical), karaoke, movies, photography, dancing, dining out, cuddling and quiet romantic evenings at home. I am 40+, 5'9", 140#, HIV-, NS. You: approx. 30-45, smooth, slender to medium build with similar interests. Call ★★4547.

Marin!

The City is a different temperament—I'm not sure I like it—a lot of worldly pretense to cover... well... what are we all trying to cover? Do you cover with something more gentle? Live on this side of the bridge? We should probably check chemistry for dating. I'm 30, vegetarian, long blond, slim, HIV-. You're 25-35, slim, HIV-, love camping, road trips, live wooden music. Call ★★4548.

Hi!

I'm 31, tall, lean, gym-built, handsome, student, worker, healthy, mixed race. My life interests vary. I'm open-minded, curious, optimistic, progressive, spiritual, sensitive, honest. I like creative, versatile, safe sex. I'm open to meet, see if there's interest and work on developing a mutually satisfying relationship of friend, lover, etc. You're 30ish, non-white, handsome, built & have similar description and motivation to mine above. Call ★★4549.

Looking For Hugs And...

Tall, gawky WM, 40s, gray warrior, wants kid brother... I'm healthy, active, private, quiet. Winter is vacation time, so I can be temporarily and geographically flexible. Mostly mid-Peninsula to Santa Cruz. Let's communicate. Call ★★4550.

Another Paternal Type

Tall GWM, 45, looking for GWM, 24-36, for friendship/possible relationship. In my mid-prime, I do not fall into the leather daddy figure, nor do I fall into the stereo. father image, mainly because I am too trendy for my peers. Therefore I am more like your livewire uncle. I am 6'1", 190#, w/love handles, HIV-, s/p hair & 'stache, smooth, cut & hard, attractive, sort of a cross between Tom Selleck's sidekick (the macadamia nut man) and David Niven; drug-free, smoker, well-educated & traveled, liberal, spiritual, successful professional, witty, diverse interests, been around the block, social director, mentor to many, FrA/P, GrA. You: HIV-, cut, drug-free, FrA/P, GrP, employed, witty, diverse personality and love to party. Write: Boxholder, Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★4551.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 33 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends & fun. Reply w/ photo (returned) for fast response: Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★4552.

Flow

Are you a student of flow, sharp, well-educated, curious, complex, committed to self-exploration and growth, articulate, accomplished, self-sufficient, paradoxically modest? Maybe we could make an incredible couple—if the spark is there. I am a GWM, 33, 5'7", 135#, br/br, handsome, clean-cut, smooth, NS, HIV-, out, live in SF. Most likely to be attracted to GWM or GAM, 25-33, 5'6" to 6', slim to medium build, boyishly cute, clean-cut, smooth. Must be NS, HIV-, out. I'm an engineer by training, into the Electronic Frontier, music (diverse), dancing (house/trance), audio, aikido, psychology. You? Letter & photo(s), returnable, to: PO Box 460372, SF 94146-0372.

Jubilee! This One's For Me!

All smiles. Handsome Asian male, 28, 5'7", 140, friendly, relaxed, easygoing kind of guy with plenty of joie de vivre. I value integrity, character, wisdom & humor. Enjoy cheap dates, intimate get-togethers, outdoors, dancing, volleyball, karaoke, thrift shops, nonfiction & passionate, heart-pounding sex. Seek honest, attractive GWM, 23-35, in-shape, HIV-, stable. Want to make new friends and maybe find someone to call my own. Maybe someday... we can be friends. Call me. Show me your world. Call ★★4553.

Muscular Guy Seeks Muscular Guys

Beginning bodybuilder seeks other very muscular guys for support/encouragement. Also interested in exploring muscular body admiration/worship—giving, receiving or both. I'm discreet BiWM, 36, 5'10", 165 lbs., 42c, 15a (and growing!), 31w (and shrinking!), blond, blue eyes, very masculine, extremely good-looking. All responses answered. Photos exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box FB88B.

For Bodybuilders Only!

Very hot, muscular, clean-cut, handsome GWM, 34, HIV-, seeking other exceptionally well-built GWM muscular buddies for safe sex and/or videotaping. If you get turned on by oiling up and showing off your hot body, or if you're up to meeting other hot bodybuilders you won't meet in a bar, call. Smooth, cut, well-defined, small endowed a plus! Call ★★4554.

Let's Cut To The Chase

Sexy, 24-yr-old, GWM, 5'4", 125 lbs. I have light brown hair, blue-green eyes, tattoos, piercings and undeniably kissable lips. Am considered to be quite sexy. You should be between 21-30, good-looking, well-hung, with a good body, an open mind and a knack for hot sex that leaves the neighbors needing a cigarette. Also interested in guys who can blow themselves. Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box FB89B or call ★★4555.

Relationship Ad

I'm 31, 5'10", 175 lbs., HIV-, dark blond (thinning), educated, self-employed, very good-looking and looking for a lover or friends to share music ('60s rock to early blues to...), foreign and classic film, mountain/road biking and other outdoor stuff, affection and intimacy, romance and sex (vanilla to safe B/D adventures). I never go to bars or clubs, smoke or drink. Call ★★4556.

Seeking A Big Brother

I'm a 20-year-old, cute Asian boy who loves to dance, to kiss, to experience, and to have fun. If you are a GWM, handsome or cute, 20-28-yr-old, who can create excitement and make me happy, please respond to this ad. Please enclose a recent photo if replying by mail. (Peninsula a+.) PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★4557.

Deep Dark Fire

Into mutual pleasure, kissing and cuddling, J/O and oral sex with a man who has that dark, handsome look. I'm seeking safe and sensuous sessions with a fit, smart, good-humored man of Latin, Southern European, Arabic or Sephardic descent, 25-40, willing to spark in the dark with a good-looking GLM. I'm 33, 5'10", 160, professional and artistically-spirited. Eventual LTR possible—no pressure, just pleasure. Reply BT Box FB90B or call ★★4558.

Let's Do It

38, 5'10", 157 lbs., attractive GWM, looking for love, friendship and possible long-term relationship. I have varied interests. I'm a musician, enjoy working out regularly, am self-employed and appreciate other's differences. You are an attractive, muscular man, any race, who has a great body and healthy lifestyle, with honesty, humor and your own passions, who wants a physical and emotional attraction to be unique man. Let's talk & see what develops. Call ★★4559.

HIV+ Four Years

Long-haired, blue-eyed, considered cute. I'm 33, look younger, 5'8", 160, medium runner's build. Barless non-drinker, non-drugger. Dig caffeine, nicotine, staying up/sleeping late, writing. Considered weird, unconventional, unorthodox. Devoutly softspoken, gentlemanly, self-disciplined. Perhaps you are top or very oral, skinny guy who's resourceful and independent, a serious loner? Points for same age/younger, honest cat-lover, harmoniously motivated. Kiss me, dude. Call ★★4560.

Hey, Tall Drink Of Water!

Handsome GWM, 32, 185, 6'2", brn/hazel, seeks very tall GWM (6'4" plus) for friendship, fun and big time romance. Just moved here from NYC (don't be frightened—I didn't live there long enough to become nasty). I hope to meet someone who, like myself, is good-looking, genuinely nice, and seriously humorous. (Thrifty, brave, clean and reverent are pluses, too.) Let's talk! Call ★★4561.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 51 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one-night stand, casual affair or life-long commitment. Call ★★4562.

Friendly Oral

Very talented, late 30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seeks sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★4563.

Like To Watch, Be Watched

Or maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5'5", in good shape, nice dick, hairy legs, ass. You are any age, healthy and hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★4564.

Gentlemen's C's

We're caring, compassionate, commited (to a community or cause, and eventually to each other), cuddly, catholic (in interests), cosmopolitan (outlook, not attitude), connected (to a circle of friends), communicative, creative, companionable. I'm 47 (look 30s), Jewish background, bl/br, bearded, moustached, 5'6", 142#, teacherly writer, HIV-. You're probably 30s, Asian, Latin or other handsome, 5'6" or shorter, medium/slight build, unhairy, uncut, sexually playful and toppish, HIV-. Call ★★4565.

Kinky Dad Seeks Kinky Son

GWM, 43, 6'4", 240 lbs., hairy chest dad seeks smooth, obedient son, 20-35 y.o. Dad enjoys being nasty and perverted with his son and son should enjoy it! Lick my stomach, feet and ass! Dad also enjoys spanking and strapping & CBT. Looking for a son that wants a monogamous relatiohship with a loving and caring dad. Let's mold a great and happy life together. Call ★★4566.

To The Point

GWM, 31, 6', 230, brown hair and eyes, hairy body, nonsmoker, no drugs and HIV-, hoping to meet a caring, sensitive man who is in his 30s, taller than I am, has a husky build, has blond or light brown hair, is smooth or has little body hair, is HIV- and a top desiring friendship that could lead to safe, hot encounters. Call ★★4567.

Bicyclists

V. gdlkg, 30, 6'3", 165, dark/brown, chiseled features, Pisces, Aries rising, Japanese/German/Irish/Spanish descent, nice bod, somewhat smooth, clean-cut, virile, like bicycling, scuba, reading, walks, nature, science and more. Seeks dominant Latin/Mediterranean men with similar features and interests for friendship/relationship. Photo welcomed. Reply PO Box 590964, SF 94159-0964 or call ★★4568.

The Pleasure Principle

Asian companion wanted, enthusiastic, fit and grounded, for passionate get-togethers in and out of bed, by attractive, athletic, HIV-, blond, 30s, 6'2", 175. Call ★★4569.

Journey of Discovery

Loving, warm, intelligent, creative, educated, healthy, nonconformist, gay San Franciscan of Mediterranean ancestry. Interests include Baroque, new, African & Middle Eastern music; foreign & independent films; contemporary novels; realist art; Mexico winters; good food; hiking; dancing; laughter; sun. Seek loving, dark-haired, sweet-looking (35-55-year-old) man to share the adventure of living. No smoking, drinking, drugs or television. PO Box 14022, SF 94114 or call ★★4570.

Untitled

Work-in-progress, but certainly beyond the first draft. I am 26, well-crafted, with brown hair and eyes, HIV, a slim, toned body, an overactive imagination and a penchant for guys who can talk and figure out how to bring me out of my shell. If you don't mind Jim Croce, Wordsworth, the Indigo Girls, the Gap, Sandra Bernhard, or people who name drop, I wonder if we might work each other into the same storyline. Reply BT Box FB91B or call ★★4571.

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Foot Play

BiAM, 155 lbs., 5'8", with black hair and brown eyes, good-looking, seeks good-looking white males my age (32) or younger for erotic foot play. Prefer someone who enjoys worshipping men's feet as I do. Discretion assured and is expected. Call and tell me what your foot fantasies are. Call ★★4573.

Hairy Chested Topman Wanted

GWM, 39, 5'10", 160, short brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, HIV-, smooth, down-to-earth, bottom man, seeks down-to-earth, HIV-, blue collar, working class Joe six-pack type of guy who enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, camping, etc., and who is looking for friendship and possibly more. Sincere only. J.R., PO Box 421396, SF 94142.

Dildo

GWM wants to experience safe dildo play from a bottom's perspective only. Safety a must. You: HIV-, cleanshaven. Me: also HIV-, cleanshaven, 50s, in-shape. Call ★★4574.

Thirsty Bottom

Attractive GWM seeks relationship with caring top into watersports. I'm 34 y.o., 6', 165 lbs., brn/hazel, moustache, HIV-, with a thirst that needs quenching. Call ★★4575.

Slim Asian Wanted

Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 170 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possibly lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Gray At The Muzzle

QWM seeks bear with a history. I admire stocky, hairy, bearded men who are 40+. You should be creative, masculine and open; I promise to be the same. I'm 26 with short brown hair, goatee and glasses. I dig '60s JD culture, Fellini's *Satyricon,* Link Wray, 20th century American art, tattoos, post-structuralist feminisms. Photos appreciated. Reply BT Box FB92B or call ★★4576.

Asian Friendship

GAM, very good-looking, youthful 40s, 5'7", 140, HIV-, fit and energetic, seeks other males, any race, for friendship and perhaps relationship. I am very stable, balanced, flexible, easy to get along with and have eclectic interests. Prefer non-substance abusers, 6' or under in good shape and health. Send letter and photo (?) to P., PO Box 471583, SF 94147-1583 or call ★★4577.

Ganymede Seeks Zeus

Brilliant, truly handsome and engaging 25-year-old student seeks sexy conversationalist and conversant sex partner. Love literature, movies, good food, affection. You are probably older (to 45), intelligent, independent, inventive, intense, not involved (or insane). Not threatened by younger man's intelligence. Tall men, bedroom eyes, strong hands, S&P hair, commanding smile make my knees weak. Me: 5'11", beautiful runner's build, sandy hair, green eyes. Photo, maybe? Reply BT Box FB93B or call ★★4578.

New Kid On The Block

Looking for fun, friendship? I'm a Scorpion using my power for good and not evil; hairy, horny, 6'2", 200, big nipples and buns, 26 y.o. You: aggressive, well-balanced, sane, sensible and sensitive. Professional kisser wanting more, maybe some romance. Please be young-at-heart and cute. Reply B.H., PO Box 426027, SF 94142-6027 or call ★★4579.

Weekend Jock Seeks Big Brother

26 y.o. student, man of color, 5'8", 180#, built well, quiet, masculine, loyal, affectionate, intelligent, humorous, romantic, artistic, sports fan, beach bum, seeks companionship with a heavy-set GWM, 25-35 y.o., built strong and fit like a football lineman, with a warm heart, who shares similar attributes and interests. I value the special bond between two men that transcends any sexual limitations. How about you? Call ★★4580.

Do You Like Big Men?

Heartbroken, 6'3", 285 lb. GWM, looking for GLM or GAM for friendship with the possibility of more later. Let's meet for dinner, movies or just for talking. Please be sincere. I've been hurt enough. Let's get together and have a good time. Call ★★4581.

A Real Lover

GAM, 31, 5'8", 148 lbs., professional, handsome, versatile, sense of humor, decent, seeking AM/WM for friendship or relationship, if possible. NS, N/Drinking. Write PO Box 2009, Santa Clara 95055-2009 or call ★★4582. South Bay preferred.

Carpe Diem

Long blond hair, trim beard, 32, 160#, 6'1", gym-toned. I like: Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, b&w photography, architecture and Steinbeck. Extremely affectionate and physical. If you are between 25-40, sound in mind and body, responsible, honest, with somewhat similar interests, give me a call. Let's see what happens. Call ★★4583.

Attn: Ex-Football Players

If you're an ex-football player or are built like one and are interested in dating long-term a cute, blue-eyed blond, this ad's for you. I'm 40 yrs. old, 5'10", med. build, with a hairy chest, and HIV-. I'm one of the most loving men around and seek the same in a big, huggable guy. I'm capable of intimacy/communicating and I'll stick around where others may run away. Be sincere, honest, loving and fun. Call ★★4584.

Graduate Student

... Who's sincere, warm and articulate. Enjoys film, long dinners and going to the City. Dislikes pretention, testosterone poisoning and always having to do the dishes promptly. Open to 25-35 gay males, HIV-, cleanshaven. I am a cute and engaging, 28-year-old Asian. Have many devoted friends, looking for something more. PO Box 9711, Palo Alto 94309. Photos will be returned. Or call ★★4715.

GWM, 29, 5'9", 158 lbs., professional, very good-looking, HIV-, seeks similar individual who is interested in more than just one night stands. I love life, adventure and exploring new avenues. I am warm, interesting and fun-loving. No alcoholics or drug addicts. HIV- a must. Please send recent picture with reply. Reply BT Box FB94B or call ★★4585.

Good Times

I'm an attractive 28 y.o. Hispanic man looking to meet and date guys 25-35 who are into good conversation, good food, good wine and, yes, good sex. I'm 5'6", 140, in-shape, brn/brn, HIV-, well-educated, professionally employed and emotionally and economically independent. I'd like to meet similar guys who are also down-to-earth and not afraid to enjoy good times. Call ★★4586.

Win A Date With...

Hot GM, 25, 5'10", 165#, bored w/tricking, not ready for husband. Turn-ons: James Brown, smart people, pretty flowers, light bondage. Turn-offs: unsafe sex, remote control, techno/house, war. Must be sassy! No Republicans, speed freaks or lame kissers. Call ★★4587.

Not Just A Keen Mind

I'd like to develop a relationship with a man who knows himself pretty well and can communicate his feelings—who is playful and compassionate, fun and challenging, realistic, yet capable of vision. A self-confident guy with a good sense of humor who is genuinely attracted not only to my sharp mind, but also to my rather slender, boyish-looking body. Nonsmoker, 5'9", dark blond, cleanshaven, HIV-, youthfully handsome 43. My interests include the arts, writing, outdoors, social issues. Send me a photo, and tell me about yourself! Reply BT Box FB95B.

Seeking A Lasting Relationship

Successful Black male seeks younger male, under 25 yrs. old, for a long-lasting relationship. You must be open-minded, honest and not afraid of commitment, and in return I'll give you a lifetime of happiness. I am 5'8", 160 lbs., 30 yrs. old, romantic and a good sense of humor, dominant, healthy, and financially secure. Weight proportionate, under 6 ft., and cleanshaven only. Call ★★4588.

Napa Valley

31 y.o. seeks trim, attractive, masculine men. I'm blond/blue, 6', and 185 lbs. of pure country boy. You must be above all sincere. If you are not sincere, then shut up and don't waste our time. Send photo. I'll send mine. Respond Box 515, Napa 94559 or call ★★4589.

Discipline

Hot, fit, masculine top, 34, seeks in-shape guy with a nice round butt for a good, old-fashioned, over-the-knee spanking. Have good strong hand for the right butt. Into role playing, safe erotic butt play and fucking. Call ★★4590.

Asian/Latino Cocks

Requiring very dedicated oral servicing will get the attention of my warm, eager mouth! No reciprocation expected, just really great head from an attractive, fit & healthy, 48 y.o. WM. You should be willing to strip, lean back & tell me how you want it. I'll take care of it & maybe even bring you off twice. I'm good & you should try me. Call ★★4591.

Yo! Over Here!

Forget about the other ads. We all like candlelight dinners, walks on the beach, etc. This attractive, professional, 39, brown/blue, 5'10", 155# GWM is a relationship veteran who works out regularly and has a variety of friendships and interests to allow for shared good times and intimacy balanced with independence. Seeking similar, NS, HIV-, 30-45 y.o. GWM as dating in the '90s is getting old. Call ★★4592.

Psycho Friends Network

QWM, 27, shaved, br/bl, seeks well-endowed, aggressive top to feed, fuck and French kiss with. Me: 5'11", 150 lbs., goateed, affectionate, hungry, late bloomer who loves showering together, dirty talk, honesty, pierced anythings. You: 25-35, living an offbeat existence, with a pulse, a telephone and an open mind. Call ★★4593.

Sweet Man Wanted

For monogamous marriage with 40ish, attractive GWM, 6', 185, blond, beard, nonsmoker, HIV-. I enjoy my cat, weekend dinners, wine, good conversation, movies, quiet times. Interested in life extension products. I believe in the unseen Father and Yeshua Messiah. Into studies from the Great Lakes Society of Biblical Research. But a big piece of my life is missing: You. Reply BT Box FB96B or call ★★4594.

Ultimate Quest

GWM seeking mate to share life with. I'm 42, HIV+, 150, hairy, brown eyes, very short brown hair, beard, Greek active, French passive/active, horny, regimented lifestyle, smoker, light drinker, 5'10". I enjoy reading, television, music, food, sex and sharing life through each other's eyes and emotions. Call to see if we can share and experience life together. Call ★★4595.

Aren't You Married Yet?

That's what people always ask me, and the answer's always the same: I haven't met the right man. GWM, 41, HIV-, 6', 190, br/br, buffed, happy, intelligent, stable, looking for another honest, unpretentious GWM for friendship and maybe more. We both are into spirituality and personal growth, enjoy the outdoors and nature, have many varied interests and an open mind. Non-smoker a must, being a great kisser and cuddler a definite plus! I know you're out there, it's just a matter of finding each other. Send a letter and photo (returnable). Please, no nutcases or women trapped in men's bodies. Reply BT Box FB97B.

Masculine Italian

6'2", dark hair & eyes. Husky build, young 40s, smoker, good-looking, moustache, hairy chest. Healthy HIV+. Good positive outlook on life. Adventurous. Down-to-earth type. Successful. Seeking a slim, attractive, masculine man who is uncomplicated, happy, tolerant, versatile & romantic. A few of my interests include traveling, remodeling, carpentry, gardening, dancing, dining out & cozy fireplaces. Possible relationship. Reply 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★4596.

Friendships

Gay Asian male, 5'4", 130 lbs., 28 y.o., wishes to meet guys, 20-35, who share common interests to pal around, have fun and form close relationships with. I enjoy dancing, working out, cooking, foreign films, hiking, camping, dining out, poetry and politics. Prefer nonsmoking with no other addictions. Please be sincere and honest. If you also need more friends in your life, please write to: Boxholder, PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★4597. Thank you.

Leap Of Faith

Eccentric artist/writer/teacher loves to play, make love, touch, breathe, grow flowers, process, hike mountains, roll on sand, pray, dance ecstatically, float naked on your back, sing, shout, cry, babble, sit quietly. 34, 6', 180 lbs., handsome, passionate, a thinker & a doer. Looking for other sexy eccentrics, 20-40, who are secure, stable & can fly without drugs/alcohol for friendship/relationship. Call ★★4598.

The Road Less Traveled

I am looking for someone who is as comfortable discussing art and philosophy as they are comfortable w/safe passionate sex. I am a tight-bodied 31-yr-old w/a trim beard and long blond hair. I like dark-haired/hairy men. Architects, scientists, lawyers a+. Be healthy, honest and somewhat different from the crowd. Call ★★4599.

Age Of Innocence

Expect abundance from the universe and you will surely get it—probably in an area that is totally off the wall... I'm a GWM, handsome, masculine, intelligent, cleanshaven, daydreamer, athletic, 5'9", 160#, br/br, late 30s, HIV-, wild, tender, intellectual, T-shirt, bold tie, romantic, in search of my long lost age of innocence. I'm looking for a wholesome, all-American, athletic, under 6', 34-42 y.o., HIV-, cleanshaven, masculine, versatile, intelligent, professional, good sense of humor, good looks, good culture (in arts, food, dance, beaches, nature), good sex, and smart enough to have dinner with mom without losing his mind... or mine. Write/photo prefered to calls. Reply BT Box FB98B or call ★★4600.

West Marin Single Man

I'm a big man, 6'2", 44, and seek a man to 30ish who is lean, HIV-, and who might just be looking for a new loving, living situation. Enjoy working out, mountain biking, hiking and the Macintosh computer. I think there are only two types of people on this planet: givers and takers. Guess what type I seek? (Grin.) AMS, PO Box 835, Inverness 94927.

Given Up? Not!

Seeking individuals, any age, who maintain continuing zest for and curiosity about life. Me: GWM, moderately successful, late 50s, independent, self-employed, sacrilegious, masculine, comfortable bottom, HIV-, love to laugh in and out of bed. Interests include classical music, opera, fine arts. You: masculine, HIV-, well-endowed top, desirous of enjoying North Bay small town life either full or part-time. Reply Box 1535, Healdsburg 95448 or call ★★4601.

HIV+ Capricorn or Virgo with moustache wanted by white male, 31, brown/blue, 6 ft., 185 lbs. of cuddlemonster with keys on right, seeks a serious relationship. Call ★★4602.

Do You Want To Be Worshipped?

That's my fantasy. To be on my knees and admire a sexy, toned, well-built man. I'll give you oral service, compliments and bow at your feet, both of us thinking of ways to highlight your masculinity. Note: You don't touch me, all our attention is focused on you. Me: handsome, Latin, 31. If you've ever fantasized about being worshipped, send photo and write. It could be great! Reply BT Box FB99B or call ★★4603.

Kind, Caring, Cuddling, Versatile

I'm a GWM, 52, with youthful attitude and decent looks. Gray with moustache, slim, HIV-, somewhat shy, with good sense of humor, Berkeley resident. Looking for friends or possible lover (no one-night stands) with younger in-shape, HIV-guy, any race, NS, ND, who is fun-loving, enjoys cuddling, safe sex, and who shares some of these interests: travel, nature, beaches, classical and rock music, movies, poetry, dance, as well as quiet evenings talking, laughing. Integrity, sincerity important. Call ★★4604.

Let's Stay Simple

I'm a BiWM, HIV-, who basically leads a very straight life and uses a SF address for convenience and confidentiality. I'm a 42 y.o. professional living in San Joaquin Valley and quite happy with the way things are except I would like a nice guy with whom I could spend the occasional night, cuddle in bed, talk, and enjoy sex. I'm 5'8", 195#, very clean, NS, and not looking for a lifetime partner. If interested, write to me: T., 370 Turk, #197, SF 94102 or call ★★4605.

Christian

GWM, 31, seeks friendship or possible relationship with GWM, nonsmoker, under 35, who believes spirituality and sexuality need not oppose the other. My interests include: the outdoors, movies, music, dinners with friends and quiet evenings at home. If you're seeking a quality friend, please write: PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★4606.

Wine Country Weekend?

Tall, dark and rather handsome Sonoma Co. gentleman, often in SF, wants to meet North Bay men or SF men who enjoy Sonoma Co., fine wines, food, dining in and out, the outdoors, travel locally or to Europe. At 42 yrs. old, I am a successful vintner enjoying a charmed but sometimes lonely life. Fit and healthy, HIV-, so are you. I wish to meet GWM who, like me, are open to dating and possibly an eventual relationship. Latins and Portuguese a+. Call ★★4607.

Seeking Filipinos—You?

Seeking tanned, smooth, handsome, fit Filipino guy (or Asian with Filipino looks) for friendship (maybe more?), 18-28, honest and straight-acting, nonsmoker. I am attractive, humorous, caring, fun-loving, smiling WM, 28, 5'9", 160#, clean, great shape. But cannot seem to find "him." Let's do outdoor and indoor activities of all types, movies, dancing—and have fun! I live in South Bay, love visiting SF. Send photo, describe yourself. Tanned or dark skin a must. No one-nighters. All letters/calls will be answered. Reply BT Box FB100B or call ★★4608.

Man Hunted By SF Man

Who is handsome, gym-toned, 40, very intelligent, social and fun. Enjoy biking, hiking, reading, seeing films and plays, volunteering, listening to jazz. Have Wanderlust in extremis. Am "ultra-liberal," monogamous wannabe, safe-sexual, extremely affectionate. Like dark, hairy, firm men, 20s to 40s, conversation, well-mannered extroverts, blonds with beards, the occasional toke, moments of honesty and hysteria. Dislike TV, BMWs, religion. For physical stats and voice check call ★★4609.

Shred

This windsurfer looking for same for dialing in and serious speed. Strength (physical and spiritual), health (emotional and attitudinal) a must. Smarts and arts a plus. I'm bi, UB2. Most people can't tell and I like it that way. Friends first. Steep skiing and blue-water sailing a perk. Reply BT Box FB101B or call ★★4610.

We Both Want The Best

So we're both looking for someone with whom we can share the best of ourselves. I'm GWM, 5'10", 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, educated and attractive. I like travel, music, languages, theater, reading, Sondheim. I'm HIV-, like sex but like friendship and shared values and interests just as much. I'm ready to settle down with the right man. Like Asian and Latino men but will respond to all who seem compatible. Reply BT Box FB102B or call ★★4611.

Great Package 52

Sincere, sexy, sane, safe GWM professional, romantic, 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-. No smoke, drink, use drugs. You: flexible, patient, maybe shy, HIV-, weight in proportion to height. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★4612.

Let Me Rock Your World

Left the City ten years ago to live in the country. Now I'd like a handsome, masculine, mature, city man that wouldn't mind spending time in the country and the city sharing what each has to offer. When I'm here I enjoy exploring, hikes, fireside evenings. When I'm there I enjoy the symphony, opera, ballet, food, art, citybuzz stuff. You should be 30-50s, bearish, masculine, any race, real sexual, HIV+. I am 44, brown, elec. blue, handsome, NS, ND, 6' of stocky GWM ready to hear from you. Reply BT Box FB103B or call ★★4613.

Rock Star Seeks Pop Star

C'mon, I know you're out there. I've seen you at the clubs. This queer musician is looking for other rockers to explore our creativity in bed, onstage and in the studio. I'm 32, 6'2", 175 lbs., blue eyes, semi-long golden hair with goatee. We're HIV-, in-shape, work out, run and love all activities involving the great outdoors. Sound groovy? Sock it to me! Call ★★4614.

Tall, Dark & Handsome/Cute

Describes this 27 y.o. (5'11", 165, HIV-), Asian-American professional seeking that someone special. I enjoy exploring new places, trying new activities, keeping in shape, traveling, eating out, and spending time with my close friends. You: GWM, 22-35, HIV-, good-looking, masculine, romantic and honest. We are both emotionally and financially secure, intelligent, caring, comfortable about being gay, and in great shape. Let's talk. Call ★★4615.

30something Seeks 20something

Attractive, intelligent, muscular GJM, 34, 5'8", blue eyes, brown hair, HIV-, enjoys music, films, hiking, biking and working out, in search of a good-looking, smart GWM in his 20s to share fun times and possible relationship. A sense of humor and an East Bay residence are both pluses. Call ★★4616.

Smarter Than The Average Bear!

Boo-Boo seeks Yogi. Boo-Boo (me): very handsome, 30 y.o., 5'10", 140#, great shape, hung, "down-to-earth," likes arts, science, outdoors, dogs, old cars, long country drives, fun days, romantic nights. Honest, sincere, intelligent, caring, adventurous. Yogi (you): 30-40 y.o., 6'+, in-shape, very hairy, beard+, rustic, masculine, passionate, warm, affectionate, athletic, playful, easygoing, gentle, loyal and healthy. Wants to share interests and explore new ones. NS/ND, HIV+? The best awaits. Call ★★4617.

Mohawks Are Fun!

I have one, and I like it! I also enjoy many other things, like cooking (I'm great!), walks on the beach, candlelit dinners, and all that other wonderful cheesy stuff I used to watch on TV. I enjoy having friends over for dinner, spending quiet times at home, and even an occasional club or two. I even like Sade and 10,000 Maniacs, but jazz, 4AD, and acoustic guitars are some of my favorites. Basically, with me, good people make for good times. I'm currently studying away in Berkeley, but my bondage room allows for some stress relief. So if you're a cute/nice guy, and would love to have dinner with a cute GLM, 21, 5'9", 145#, then give it a shot. Dinner's on me. Call ★★4618.

Deadline March 5.

Seeking Slim Lifemate
Between 25-45. Be tight-waisted, well-hung, masculine, versatile/Greek active, very affectionate, HIV-, nonsmoking and exclusively attracted to a late 40s man who's tall, medium-slim, balding (short hair), hairy chest. Be emotionally and financially stable, ready and able to live in a monogamous, home-centered relationship. Call ★★4619.

More Than Madonna And Marky Mark....
Maybe just friends/maybe more serious Partner —Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: music (Cole, Orbison, Bolton, Stansfield, Sade, jazz, etc.), Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, independent Christian, body and soul moderate, philosophy/a Higher Power, Chaplin, Newhart, the Far Side, no heavy alcohol or drugs, lite Cheapthrill video, Matt Ramsey, quiet nights at home, ethnic food, etc.... I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, cleanshaven, "good-looking" & easygoing. Letter/photo to: JS, 41 Sutter, #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★4620.

S... Synergy
Of love and devotion. Integrity and honesty, biology and chemistry... compromises and mutual respect.... Genuinely attractive GAM (20s, 5'8", 136) seeks GWM (under 35) who's sincere, well-educated, warm, cultivated & conversant. I'm witty, intelligent, caring and communicative. Well-endowed, well-proportioned body, clean-cut and cleanshaven are our common attributes. We enjoy reading, walks and talks, classical music, nature, politics, economics... NS only. Respond... if you believe in love and long-lasting relationship! Call ★★4621.

Let's Go For It Together
We have careers, friends, boyfriends. To be complete we need communication, love, support of a monogamous man. Values are traditional: home, family in the '90s sense, honesty; outlook is progressive. Affectionate in public, oral, great kissers, nipple fanciers, creative. Educated, traveled, professional, good-humored, upscale. Relatively vice-free, I smoke, HIV+, healthy. You're 30+; I'm 40s, blond, 5'9", 158. Let's start on the pillows, then probe the future. Call ★★4622.

A Few "Real" Men
Bi, married, straight, with clean, exercised bodies, cologne-, aftershave-, tobacco-free wanted as buddies, daddies, uncles, brothers. Very mature "boy" with sharp sense of humor, likes uniforms, leather, Levis, crashing waves, watersports, hiking, nudism, massage, psychic healing, metaphysics, exercise, British comedy, puns, theater, movies, Sharon McNight, big & little cats, fireplaces, and real music. No hang-ups age or race. Box 14594, SF 94114 or call ★★4623.

Enema
GWM wants to be taught and experience erotic enema. You: HIV-, experienced, wants to play safe and enjoy giving enema to novice. Me: HIV-, late 40s, 5'7", 170 lbs. Call ★★4624.

Upscale
GWM wants to meet GM under 45 who is cleanshaven and HIV-, like myself. Please be interested in travel, dining out and other fun activities. If my age and exact sexual proclivities are important, please look elsewhere. Otherwise write with photo (returnable) to Boxholder, PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★4625.

A Man For All Seasons
Put some spice in your life. I'm in my early 40s, 5'9", clean, Black & enjoy a good man between my legs. I guarantee a mouthful for a white, silver fox. This ex-Marine, hard body, hung & dark complexioned, seeks a safe buddy for an offensive maneuver. Shuck those dress blues & show me yours. Extra oral & masculine earns merit points. 227 Ellis St., #428, SF 94102 or call ★★4626.

Friends Dating
Could the concept be simpler? Cute, 21-yr-old AM, college student, 6', 150 lbs., boyish looks. I love laughing, cooking, swimming, good books, great conversations, cafes, long drives, beaches and movies. Looking for someone with similar interests, likes himself, but doesn't sport an attitude. Although initially shy, I warm up (with the right guy). Pluses: sense of humor, white, Asian, 20-30-yr-old. Minuses: alcohol, drugs. Call ★★4627.

You: 20-40
GWM, 60, 200#, 6'2", HIV-, bald, moustache, hairy chest, relationship-oriented; knows how to relate to and treat a man, 20-40. Call ★★4628.

Seeking Not Finding?
I'm a NS/ND Asian, mature male looking for friends in the East Bay and San Joaquin Valley. Friends for dining out, movies, quiet evenings in and mutual nude massages. If interested please call or write with photo. I will reply in kind. This is not my first ad. Call ★★4629.

A Dream Story
When I was a child, I had a dream: I wanted to come to America because this is a beautiful country. When I was 19, I moved to San Francisco with empty hands and no spoken English, but I had a dream: I wanted to go to college, get a good job and own a car and house. Now I'm 29, I got everything I had wanted (my hard work paid off), but I still have a dream: I want to be loved. I believe a loving relationship is important to continue my success. My dream man is a plain yet handsome GM under 32, above 5'8", and top. I'm handsome, 29, 5'7", 125 lbs., clean-cut, black hair, brown eyes, HIV-, smooth, good

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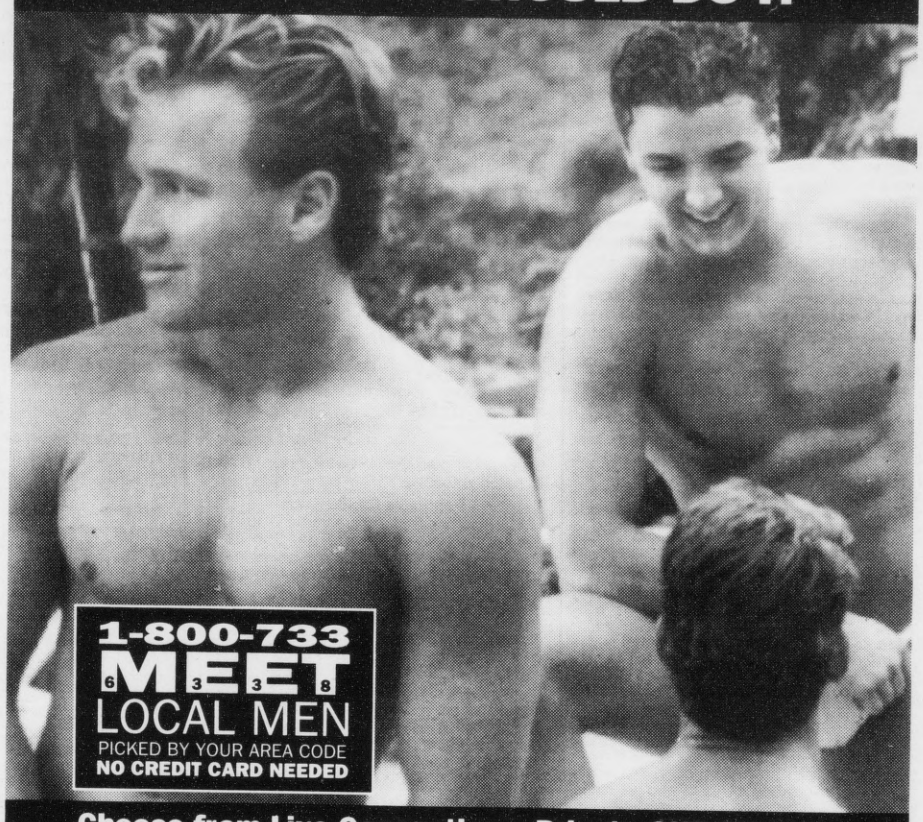
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Ideal Significant Other Seeks Same

GWM, 160 lbs., 5'9", masculine, cleanshaven, very handsome, HIV-, well-educated and easy-going. I keep my muscular, well-proportioned body, in shape by hikes and heavy work-outs five days a week. I stay spiritually centered by meditating, emotionally balanced by laughing often and much, and mentally stimulated by reading (nonfiction), European travel, portrait painting, attending the symphony, working on my car or watching an old movie with a bowl of popcorn. I seek a man, 25-45, with the above qualities who values home life, the outdoors, and the idea that learning never ends. You're the kind of warmhearted guy who "wins the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children... who finds the best in others" and beauty, goodness and humor in the world. Call ★★4630.

Seeking Asian/Latins For Fantasy

Ever dream about sandwiching a trim, hairy-chested white guy between you and another boy? This 38-year-old, 5'11", 160 lbs., blue-eyed guy is looking for slim to hunky young Asians/Latins for hot, safe, uninvolved sex. I'm HIV- and very horny. Come on, this sounds hot. If you don't have a young friend, we'll pick one up together. Call ★★4631.

Sexy, Fun, Buff

GWM, 5'8", 190 lbs., serious BB, handsome, hard bubble butt. Seeking other incredible muscle studs. Prefer guys bigger than myself. Straight, bi or gay bodybuilders who get off on being worshipped. If you love to show off your rock hard, huge muscles, I'm waiting. Give me a call with a detailed description of yourself and your physique. Let's have fun! Call ★★4632.

Superb Massage For 18-24 y.o.

I offer a wonderful, deliciously sensual, thoroughly pampering, deeply relaxing, pleasurable, caring and nurturing massage to healthy, 18-24 y.o. guys—especially with trim, athletic, smooth physiques; good-looking and uncut. I'm 39, dark-haired, thin, bisexual, Latino (with huge, uncut dick)... outstanding professional masseur (ten years experience). Mutual J/O after massage nice, but not required. Let's maybe exchange photos first. PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★4633.

Are You Lean, Black And Ready?

Tall GWM, 47, 190#, thinning/balding, hairy, 44" chest, seeks slim, extra-hung Black lover, any age, who's loyal, monogamous and seeking a permanent relationship. Seek affectionate, considerate, masculine man focused on physical intimacy, hot sex and good home life. No smoke, no drugs, HIV-. Call ★★4634.

Daddy Wants

Boyslave who can give of himself to please. Share and bond with this man who will control/dominate you and guide you. Daddy sets rules, enforces rules, rewards good behavor, trains to expand limits and teaches love and respect. Dungeon, bondage—things my way. Some experience helpful. Not fantasy or one-night event. Long-term sought. Strict but caring. Relationship in and out of dungeon. Oral a must. Submissive, trainable. Call ★★4635.

I'm Your Eggman

My daydream: a filmic, steamy relationship-thing. We neck to the clinking of the homeless recycling outside. I seek man for possible spontaneous self-disclosure, rude sex, burrito consumption. I am professional, yet underemployed, sober yet zany, literate yet dumbfounded, 21, GWM, Scorpio. Together we are a driverless truck. You should be employable, enjoyable and do-able. I chainsmoke but live a fairly examined life. All letters and photos (returnable) answered. HIV, astrological status unimportant. Thank you. Reply BT Box FB122B or call ★★4636.

Sex Buddy For Asians

GWM, 37 y.o., 5'9", 175#, brown hair, moustache, hairy chest and well-hung; 100 percent top studmuffin seeks smooth, trim Asians, 27-42, for daytime massage & hot, horny sex. Am HIV-, NS, in-shape & good-looking. Am very discreet & private. There is no risk & no strings. I will reply to all responses. Reply BT Box FB105B.

A Good Egg Is Hard To Crack

PG-13 rated GWM seeks leftist art fag for NC-17 romance. Aspiring Bobby Brady clone, 30, high energy, optimistic, easygoing, cute and affectionate. Into film production, queer politics and history, burritos, volunteer work, vintage clothes, socializing and drag divas. Likes movies, sobriety, cafes and clubland. Dislikes self-righteous types. Seeks someone with similar interests, age 20-40, HIV status unimportant. Boyish passion for living required. Letter/photo gets reply. Reply BT Box FB123B or call ★★4637.

My Egg Salad Days

High maintenance, Camel smokin', spiritualized, Doc Marten boy craving guy to enjoy spontaneous ridiculous vegetarian lifestyle, rescuing each other from frivolous sexual debauchery for a flavor of our own. GWM, 28, 6', 155#, attractive, nicely hung, easily bored. Desire articulate, non-vicious humor and wild intimate honest abandon. Expect fine film/trash flicks, cuisine/truckstop eatin', rock 'n roll/Herb Alpert. Hostile at role-playing, liars, drugs and big drinkers, and dayglo print muscle pants. Aries, HIV-, but so what. Romance, friendship & fucking essential. Letter/photo gets reply. Reply BT Box FB124B or call ★★4638.

Peninsula Rendezvous

GWM, 30s, 150, 5'8", br/bl, attractive, muscular, cleanshaven, HIV-, commuter, seeks similar, in-shape, attractive GWM who works or lives in Palo Alto or nearby vicinity for early am (on way to work) or lunchtime encounters. Call ★★4639.

Nudist WM-Nudist Asian

Nudist WM, 36, 5'11", 160, clean-cut, cleanshaven, average looks/build, wants to connect with nudist Asian guys for uninhibited, shameless, daring and wild adventures in the nude. I'm shy, introverted loner, into books, bicycles and PCs, and naked fun. Love to act out fantasies and indulge kinks. Let's show it to ourselves and to others! Call ★★4640.

Are You More Brains Than Brawn?

More balls than bullshit? More bite than bark? (Recent rabies test results mandatory.) This good-looking, healthy bodied (HIV-), educated SWM, has been blessed with a loving family, challenging career, financial success, liberal perspectives, a sarcastic wit, an affirmative attitude, overactive libido, with interests ranging from Stanford basketball to archaeological digs in Africa. Are you between 30-40, HIV-, masculine, nicely built, good-looking, emotionally available, atypically gay, and tired of being single? Then call me now because once I'm hooked the spoiling begins and the action stays at home. Call ★★4641.

One Remarkable Man Seeks Another

Giving up "Sweet Dreams" for "Enchanted April"—affectionate, brainy, down-to-earth, quietly masculine, handsome, bearded writer (GWM, 40, 5'9", 175#, healthy HIV+, ND/NS, pierced) seeks warm, loving, intimate LTR with similar sincere, romantic, hairy, bearded, beefy (weight proportional) professional bear, 35-45. We're articulate, intuitive kindred spirits with sense of humor, many interests (movies, music, reading, country walks, city life), exploring each other and sharing life's adventures. Reply with photo to BT Box FB106B or call ★★4642.

Sub-Head-Boy-Man

+ QWM, attr., weird, tall 30s, br/br, sub-vers, sks 1 WM to 45, cut, spr hvy bush, needing frequent oral attention. Lanky, dorky, skinheads, altern., manly, funny, patient, horny all +s. For sex, write with pic to BT Box FB107B or call ★★4643.

Good Food For Growing Boys

Are you gaining weight? Eating a lot of food? Getting bigger and enjoying it? Let me help you by cooking meals so big you'll be stuffed! Me: 35, 6', HIV-, receding brn/blue, swimmer's build but want to bulk up, great cook. You: 21-35, GWM, love to eat, 190 lbs.... up, and into growing bigger. Beer bellies, Italians, bodybuilders a plus! See ya! Call ★★4644.

23rd & Guerrero

Tuesday 2/16, approx. 1 pm: You just picked up your dry cleaning. We said hi in the crosswalk. I looked back; you looked back; etc. I'd like to meet you for coffee! Call ★★4645.

Pinned

Have you ever imagined about having yourself put into a full-nelson by a well-built wrestling opponent, who forces you to strain and stretch your muscular chest? Into this and other wrestling fantasies, where one guy dominates another. J/O only, all safe, emphasis on fun. Me: GWM, 37, 165 lbs., 5'11", musc., esp. pecs and biceps. You: musc., imaginative, into scene. Asian a+. Role reversal possible. Call ★★4646.

A Partner

Not a shadow or an echo. We're outgoing, considerate, first to laugh, share outside interests, and as committed to our friends as we are to each other. I'm romantic, Italian-American, moustache, 5'8", 165 lbs., 39, fourth generation SF. I enjoy driving with the top down, reading history, traveling, hosting dinners and dancing. You are HIV-, nonsmoking/drugs, 35-45, weight proportionate. Call ★★4647.

What's Your Basic Instinct?

is it lust or is it love? is it trust or none of the above? mine? the desire to live and leave when i please. you know what i mean? but i need the "ass-ets" to manipulate my most basic of instincts. can you supply me with my desires? you can have my flesh fantasy, my built body, my green eyes or my intriguing intellect. me. on your terms. I'm waiting. Call ★★4648.

A Few Of My Favorite Things

All-night cuddling, Altman, ACLU, AmFAR, Beef Wellington, Beethoven, bingo, B-52's, ballet, board games, BBB, Bryce Canyon, Callas, Clinton/Gore, disco, deco, Dollywood, Diet Coke, Donna Summer, figure skating, 49ers, hot tubs, Hawaiian breezes & rainbows, Hoosier basketball, Howards End, Letterman, La Belle, Midler, moonlight, Nightline, nonsmokers, NOW, optimism, pizza, pesto, Parisian dining, popcorn, Pacific sunsets, Provincetown, redwoods, Shirley MacLaine, Sylvia MacNair, Streisand, Streep, Steve & Eydie, strolling Versailles, Sierra Club, sweet kisses, sincere smiles, tender hugs, Tetons, 2001, 12-stepping, Weslia, whale-watching, winning contests. Interested? Write with photo (returned upon request): Boxholder, 584 Castro St., #308, SF 94114 or call ★★4649.

A Bright Smile

Really turns me on. Seeking a warm, mutually supportive relationship w/an out adult who understands the difference between passion and intimacy, and wants both. I enjoy reading, theater, C/W dancing, gardening, candlelight dining and getting to know you. Me: GWM, 44, 5'6", 160, br/br. You: GWM, light drink, under 50, smoke OK. Us: sexually versatile, safe, open, playful, HIV-. Call ★★4650.

"Endangered Species"

Me! I'm poor in pocketbook and rich in spirit. Attractive Hispanic, HIV-, 30, goatee, thick 8½", artist, humorous, and loyal. Seeks GWM/GHM for monogamous lover (includes oral sex lovemaking only—no anal). Condoms for oral sex (because of STD/HIV). Mutual (verifiable) STD/HIV screening required for monogamous relationship and to have unprotected oral sex. Relocation possible. Reply (photo) to Boxholder, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★4651.

Special Person

6', 250, 30 y.o., Black male, looking for love, friendship and possible long-term relationship; very much into sports and the arts and various types of music, such as jazz, r&b, classical, just to name a few; love hiking and biking and camping; love cooking fabulous dinners for that special person. You are any race, between 5'5" and 6'10", 25 & 50 y.o., HIV- and some of the same interests. Drinkers, smokers and drug users need not apply, so if you are that special person, call or write. Reply BT Box FB108B or call ★★4652.

GAM Seeks GWM

Caring, good-looking, intelligent, mature, outgoing, prof., romantic, GAM, HIV-, 5'4", 127. Interests in bicycling, classical music, KKSF, museums, reading, quiet times, theater. Prefer to develop a relationship based on honesty, mutual respect, or friendship with others. Looking for GWM, HIV-, good-looking, 30-45, top, weight proportional to height. Call ★★4653.

Wanted: Aggressive Bears

By WM, 39, 5'8", 165, HIV+. I'm masculine, handsome, with black hair, brown eyes, beard and 'stache; versatile, uncut, pierced. I don't drink or drug. I'm looking for a man near my age who wants an intelligent, emotionally available friend. My interests include art, writing, gym, rock music. I'm into safe, rough, passionate sex and cuddling. Strong hairy chests and big uncut dicks make me crazy. Call ★★4654.

Latins And Uncut Men

Desired by sexy redheaded Irish/Native American man for friendship and hot raunchy sex. I'm 5'7", 140 lbs., blue eyes, 32, very versatile, can be into most scenes with right man. Not looking for other half; I'm already whole. Vanilla first, raunch later. Call ★★4655.

Energize Me!

Me: the coppertop. Attractive, redheaded, blue-eyed GWM, 34, bearded, hairy, 6', 225, would like to meet the energizer: a masculine, handsome, average built, hairy-chested GWM, 25-45, who is affectionate, top-oriented and ever-ready when it comes to passionate sex with lots of foreplay. Drugs, S/M, heavy smokers do not get me charged up. Let's see who runs out of juice first! Call ★★4657.

White/Latin Jocks

Proud of your body? Enjoy being in front of a camera in a sensual, erotic portrait? Taken by young amateur GAM photographer. No exp. required. Be 18 to 35 y.o. PO Box 190188, SF 94119. Call ★★4658.

One Of The Guys?

Handsome and athletic young GWM in East Bay. Regular kind of guy, tired of/not into bar scene. Likes outdoor activities, the beach, Tahoe, skiing, mountain biking, camping, Disneyland, as well as playing pool, bowling, movies, etc. Would like to meet masculine, athletic/active same. Call ★★4659.

Own Your Own Business?

Full-time or part-time? This self-employed, handsome GWM in the East Bay wants to meet other entrepreneurial, driven & motivated guys. Let's talk! Call ★★4660.

Marin County Or Petaluma

Attractive, slim, 29 y.o., 5'9", 150 lbs., WM, looking for slim, cute, smooth guys between 18 and 34 for safe sex. I'm new at this. You can be gay, bi or straight. Call ★★4661.

Bear Seeks Bear

Appreciative, hairy, husky, strong and kind man seeks same or similar for friendship and lovemaking sharing. Please write to H., 584 Castro St., #247, SF 94114 or call ★★4662.

Just Plain Fun

Fun-loving, active GWM seeks new friends for dating, cuddling, kissing, sleeping together, plus safe, hot sex. Not really expecting more, but hey, who knows? Like me, you're in great shape, non-smoking, masculine, uninhibited, sincere, live in SF. I'm 34, 5'10", 152, brn/grn, attractive, HIV-, secure. Hairy chests, mischievous grins, short haircuts, tight abdominals and firm buns especially excite me! Call ★★4663.

Tired Of The Scene

No problem meeting people in bars, but am tired of the scene (been here 2 years). GWM, 25, 5'9", 125 lbs. Poor excuse for a Virgo (only semi-organized), open-minded/versatile, live music, old movies, dinner parties with friends, Lower Haight boys; hate Brenda of 90210. Want to meet new people to hang out with. Let's meet—but not at the Flore! Call ★★4664.

Just Your Average, Upbeat Guy

I am just your average, upbeat guy, fulfilled with my life, friends, career. I am looking for a special guy to have fun & explore the world with. I am 30, GWM, 155, masc., blond & blue, exercised, HIV-, college educated, and have been told I'm good-looking. I really enjoy life and like to play & learn, hiking, skiing, biking, the arts, camping. I love travel & adventure. If you're a GWM, 25-30, college educated, masculine & exercised & seek monogamy with someone that you can be best friends with too, then send me a letter w/a recent photo. No Voicemail. All photos returned. Reply BT Box FB109B.

Commit Serious Indiscretions With Me

This handsome, cleanshaven, unconventional WM seeks a meaningful, passionate connection. 35, 6', 155, black hair, brown eyes, with defined swimmer's body, hairy chest, 5 o'clock shadow, HIV-. Interests include: hiking, dancing, touch football, Tai Chi, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, nonsmoker, with good complexion and health. Probably: unbearded, smooth, slim or firm, 20-35. Share: contagious laughter, long-ing arms, tender kisses, spacious mind. Photo please. Reply BT Box FB110B or call ★★4665.

Asian Lover Needed! (Prince, Not Queen)

I am tired of guys who play games and don't want to take time to get to know each other! If you are Asian, sincere, financially stable, 27-32 yrs., NS, ND (or lite), HIV-, please take a chance. I am 38 yrs. old, GWM, 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV-. Like long walks, dining out, museums and cuddling with my special person! Call ★★4666.

Saw Your Ad Too Late

You advertised in the January 14 issue (green Jordan cover) under the headline "Active Middle Aged": AIDS massage volunteer seeking friend. I would still love to meet you! I'm 50, 5'10", 160#, HIV-, have the gift to channel great massages, like nude beaches, hot springs, humor, other varied interests. I saw your ad too late to answer, but I hope we can still connect. Call ★★4667.

The Queen's English

British GWM, age 45 (5'11", 150), attractive personality, with comments of good looks, seeks a sincere friendship leading to relationship with another GM with the same ambitions. I am open to cultural diversity, age and color of my partner. Your interests may include: art, design, music, theater, good food and community service. I have my own design and marketing business which, although small, has an established reputation helping the gay community. A partnership of talents is possible with the right man. I dislike voice mail so please leave your message and I will return the pleasure! Call ★★4668.

Oh, But It's Hard...

To live by the rules, I never could and still never do. Provocative, adventurous, non-conformist, eclectic, abstract, careless but safe and sane, realist, elusive, free, vanilla plus, lusty, open, exploring, unselfish, tall and quite attractive, middle class dilletante, 27-year-old writer/photographer/painter seeking compatible boyfriend(s). Bonus points for literate, cute, dark-haired, boys who like Rilke. Call ★★4669.

Love/Romance

You: 35 and under, good-looking, healthy, ready for friendship, love, romance, sex, slender, not into drugs, etc. I'm from Ohio, where honesty and relationships seem more important than one-nighters. I'm middle 30s, blond, average body, who is ready to settle down and really get to know someone, how about you? San Francisco seems like a big candy store, men and more men. Had enough candy? Call ★★4670.

Queer Artist & Activist

Musician, 35, tall, strong and restless. Seeks other smart, funny, creative queers for lots of sex, friends, love, in no particular order and not necessarily from the same people. No "straight-acting," no opera queens. Grown-ups only. Brains a plus. Call ★★4671.

HIV+ Hot Guy Wants Nasty Sex!

Me: GWM, 40, 6', 175, big dick, hard body and average looking. I love TT, sucking cock and having my butt plowed. You: HIV+, any ethnicity between the ages of 21-50, and you must love being French passive and Greek active. Guaranteed to please— let's do it. Call ★★4672.

My Prince Charming

Is not just someone whom I admire. He is someone I idealize. He has some very definite attributes of his own, but it is I who give a special significance to him. I am GAM, 28, 5'8", 160#. I enjoy outdoor sports, movies and good meals. I have an opportunity to be a Prince Charming. Let's start a fairy tale with a happy ending and our establishment. Call ★★4673.

Buddies—Or More

Good-looking GWM, successful professional, 37, 6', 165#, short brown hair and beard, hairy, uncut, HIV-, not into bar scene. Seeks outgoing, masculine, very good-looking, in-shape, sexy buddy, under 40, nonsmoker, light drinker, GWM, GBM or GLM for fun times and possible relationship. Some of my interests: music, movies, cooking, eating out, gardens, real estate, tropics. Send photo and note to PO Box 31924, SF 94131-0924 or call ★★4674.

Gay couple into serious photography seeks good-looking, well-endowed models and bodybuilders. Models receive copies of all photographs taken at various locations and private spa. Men of all colors welcome, especially Latinos, Blacks & Middle Eastern types. Reply BT Box FB111B or call ★★4675.

Short Hair? Bald?

Those things turn me on! I'm a GWM, 38, 6'2", 210, brown eyes, short red hair, seeking a playmate or companion around my age or younger. I'm interested in music, cooking, films, the outdoors and a creative lifestyle. Let's talk! Call ★★4676.

Similarities And Differences

We are both solidly grounded, stable, masculine identified, HIV-, health-conscious, and emotionally available, with broad interests, open minds, and a lot going for us. Sexually you are all top and I'm a very sensuous and responsive bottom. I'm a young 50, 5'10", fair, slim, fit, NS, ND, enjoy the arts, ethnic foods, keeping fit, and much more. Call ★★4677.

Attractive Latino Desired

By attractive GWM, 5'8", 160, HIV-. We are both physically fit, romantic and are relationship oriented, under 30 and masculine. Call ★★4678.

Young Fun Bondage

Are you a guy (18-40 yrs.) that's been thinking about bondage but never acted on it? GWM student can provide for you in a safe, secure environment. Light to heavy, from stocks and chastity belts to ropes and role-playing. Sex or no sex. Discretion assured. Top/bottom or mutual. I am 29, 6', 190, brn/brn, cleanshaven boy type. Latin/Asian/white encouraged. Take a chance. Serious only. Call ★★4679.

Relationship

GWM, 44, 6'1½", 190 lbs., intelligent, handsome, masculine, gym-toned, lt. brown hair, fair complexion, hazel eyes. Enjoys outdoor activi-

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ties, travel, gardening, quiet evenings at home and communication. Values work. Appreciates private time. Seeks friendship as well as romance. Seeking masculine GWM w/similar qualities, who appreciates the arts, is athletically oriented and interested in self-exploration. Call ★★4680.

Tie You Up

To get us both off. No heavy stuff. Your place. You are HIV-, fit, masculine, Black or Asian or any race with lots of pit and crotch hair. Be submissive to take orders. I am 37, white, HIV-, toned and will bring soft rope, leather straps and hot mouth and tongue. No hassles or pain. Call ★★4681.

East Bay/Contra Costa

GWM, 35 years old, looking for a friend, sex buddy for more than one or two nights. I enjoy men between 25 and 40 years old who like sports, travel, and evenings at home. I am 6'3", 185 lbs., sexually versatile, HIV- and safe. I am hairy, fair-skinned, balding and masculine. I want to form an intimate relationship that includes all of the above. Reply BT Box FB112B or call ★★4682.

Sweet Sensual Hunk

Sought by same. Am unusual WM, 6'1", br/gr, 33, 180, athletic, tan, very good-looking, model type. Seeking spiritual meeting of minds and bodies with special guy who values vulnerability, honesty, friendship. Prefer sexy, natural WM under 30 with boyish looks and spirit, who wants to build on solid sensual connection where supersensitivity is a turn-on, not a threat. Respond with photo (returned) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

You are looking for a friend, confidant, partner/lover. You know how to live with the ambiguity of life and you have a sense of hope and faith. You are somewhat of a loner and independent. But those who know you will speak of your compassion. You work hard, value commitments, laugh and love to relax: movies, massage, music, reading, a steam at the gym. I'm 42, GWM, HIV-, 6', 205 lbs., on the chunky preppy side. I don't use alcohol but do smoke. All bodies are welcome and I find muscles—hidden ones, skinny ones, bulging ones or the yet to be revealed ones—passionate fun. Take a chance. Reply BT Box FB113B or call ★★4683.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional; emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box FB114B or call ★★4684.

Husband Material

Me: 5'9", 150 lbs., muscular (work out 6x/week), br/bl, hairy chest, 35 yrs. old, Jewish, HIV+, healthy. Sexually adventurous and well-hung. Intelligent and independent, fun includes gym, skiing, cooking, opera, classical music and watching big critters eating little ones on PBS. Most guys to whom I am attracted are younger than me, hairy (furry forearms make me completely nuts!), slender to muscular. Single again after a long time, looking for guys to date. Sex is important, but I get a lot of it without placing an ad. If you think we might click, call or write. Reply BT Box FB115B or call ★★4685.

I Seek A Significant Other

GM, 18-50. I enjoy men of all races who are height-weight proportionate. I am a professional GWM, 54, HIV-, who looks and feels 40s; sensual, sensitive and warmhearted. I want a valued, enthusiastic, supportive, tender relationship with a man. I want to be able to walk side by side on life's journey, as well as see the love in one another's eyes. Call ★★4686.

I Want Dates

Salsa, drama, art and the great outdoors flame my desires. This 24-year-old, tall, dark man seeks companionship of undefined nature with man under 30 possessing similar proclivities. Call ★★4687.

My Weekend In Santa Fe

I finally visited here for the first time and a handsome, unique place I found it to be. Dining on New Mexican cuisine, browsing in shops full of amazing merchandise, and touring through scenery, both man-made and natural, that was magnificent. After climbing around on the Pueblo Cliff Dwelling Ruins at Puye, I became melancholy. I wished there had been a special man along to share the experience. He might be close to 34, 6', 189, cocky, exceptional good looks, fun, personable, sexy and well-rounded, enjoying a multitude of physical activities and interests, like me. Join me for my next adventure? Call ★★4688.

Ginger Or Mary Ann

Cast your vote now! Marry Ann's too perky. Ginger's too pouty—love them both! Are they archetypes against which all others are measured or creations of bad screenwriters with bad marriages and martini lunches? How I am: literate, lingual, lovesome, lithe, liberal, a little lascivious, 27. How you are: you shall be all things to all people, or at least to yourself. Cute and smart helps. Write or call... no photo required. Reply BT Box FB116B or call ★★4689.

Carpenter/Handyman Wanted

Tall, blond professional seeks to meet carpenter/handyman type who is relationship-oriented and interested in remodeling an old San Francisco house. Let's work together to make our home our castle. My other interests include movies, travel and the outdoors. Curious? Call ★★4690 or write: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Seeking Relationship

GWM, 40, 5'6", 170#. I am seeking a long-term relationship. My interests include travel, theater, movies, lots of snuggling and lots of communication. I have been in recovery for 3½ years and also have worked very hard on my own issues in therapy. I am looking for someone who has done the same and is willing to process issues that come up when starting a relationship with someone. I love to laugh, joke and play but am also willing to cry and feel the pain that comes up in the world. I am also interested in making some kind of contribution to the planet. Seeking someone between the ages of 34-45. Call ★★4691.

Attention Latin/Pacific Islanders

Very handsome GWM, 33, 5'8", 140 lbs., br/bl, clean-cut, gym-toned, HIV-, NS/ND, is interested in meeting handsome, masculine, buffed, available men for dating. I am a sincere, down-to-earth, healthy, intelligent, witty, creative, honest, physically active man and would like to meet others who share these attributes. Other interests include massage, films, gym, spirituality, nature and enlightening conversation. Call ★★4692.

Unpretentious 23 y.o. GHM

Relationship-oriented 23 y.o. interested in meeting GWM, 22-28, who is looking for a possible relationship. I'm 5'8", 168 lbs., dark hair/skin, intelligent, shy, accounting student, HIV-, NS, ND. My interests are varied, I enjoy cooking, biking, dancing (Product/Box) and especially quiet evenings at home. Basically I enjoy any activity if the person I'm with is enjoyable to be with. Reply BT Box FB117B or call ★★4693.

My Love Is An Invitation

To love a life of celebration in one another's hearts. Spirited GWM, 45, 5'8", 185#, hazel eyes, gray/brn ponytail, full gray beard, HIV-, masculine, stocky and handsome, looking for another virile, stocky, warmhearted, HIV- GWM, 35-55. I make my living with nature and I'm an artist with a beatific vision. My interests are varied and rich and I wish to share myself fully on this path of intimacy and mystery. You should be capable of receiving and giving affection and you should also feel at home in the abundance of nature. Include photo with written reply. Reply BT Box FB118B or call ★★4694.

An Affair

Good-looking Italian, bi, 38, 5'10", 160 lbs., masculine not macho, cleanshaven, well-hung, sensitive, affectionate, leftist, married with children, seeks similar bi or gay man under 45 for intense affair. I'm sensual, passionate, in touch with feelings, open-minded, not affected, very oral and want a man who is the same, just a regular person. If the chemistry is right, let's make love. Call ★★4695.

Positively Selective

Good-looking GWM, 33, 5'10", seeks boyfriend & possibly more. 170#, all muscle, workout via mtn bike, step, racquetball, tennis, ski, free weights. Sensitive, crazy, fun, sensual top, healthy, HIV+, high energy & intensity for life. Enjoy physical & mental workouts, quiet times with mother nature & people, cooking & arts. Financially successful, live in E. Bay. If this interests you & you're selective, let's talk. Call ★★4696.

Gentle Strength

Humorous, affectionate, friendly, slightly endearingly neurotic, Jewish artist, writer, ardent hiker, camper, flea market explorer, 170, 6 feet, blue eyes, bald head, red beard, NS, ND, NS-M, popper-free, light drink okay, moderately hairy, nice build. You: maybe hairy, 35-plus, bald or not, unpretentious, masculine, affectionate, open to relationship possibilities. Kissing, hugging, good hand, big balls, excite the hell out of me. I know sign language. PO Box 423833, SF 94142 or call ★★4697.

Clean Grits For Slits

When you put raw meat over your swollen eye you see heaven. Mace. Sage. Turmeric. Just stains on the faded flowerprint dress of time. No phantom comfort, that warm shaved skull under steel-toe. I used to drop salt on snails but I'm alright now, really. Call ★★4698.

Family Values

Is what I'm looking for. I have a warm family of friends and I'm looking for a life partner who is first of all my best friend. I'm professional, intense, out, reflective, romantic, intellectual, like swimming, skiing and bicycling, 26, WM, 5'10", 150#, "cute all-American." Looking for similar man, masculine Asian or Caucasian, 25-35, reasonably good shape, no smoking or drugs, who wants physical and intellectual partner and who is serious but has sense of humor. If you like Ella, Aretha, k.d., the New Republic and Tales of the City, we should talk. Letter with photo preferred. Reply BT Box FB119B or call ★★4699.

Gentleman

55, seek younger "sugar partner" who is capable of providing his equal share to an enlightened and upscale lifestyle. I am fit, HIV-, highly educated and a successful professional known nationwide in two fields. 5'9", 160, versatile and good-looking, I hope to find you, 30s to 40s, very trim, a nonsmoker, versatile and happy and secure in your professional career. Call ★★4700.

33 y.o. Ex-New Yorker, Ex-Yuppie

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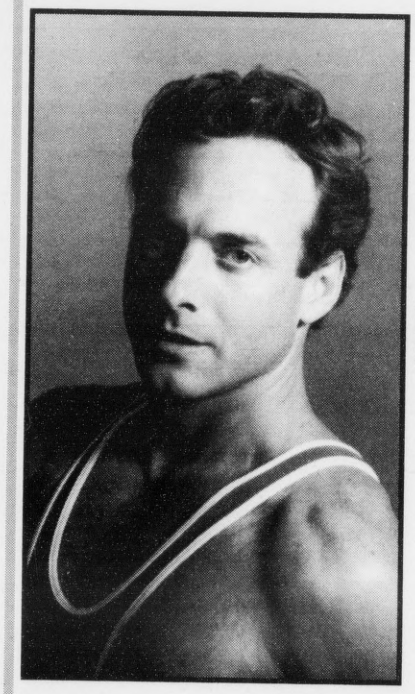

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cultist; I am 5'4", 140 lbs., light haired w/red beard, in-shape, HIV-, warm, affectionate, caring, humorous, sincere boy who likes to play but not head games. Looking for a fun serious man who's happy to be himself and share himself. Call ★★4701.

Psychology Of The Heart

Our psychological readiness to grow through an intimate partnership begins in a glorious Spring as our mutual attraction and reciprocal affection blossoms. Our psychological health allows us to be a loving and entertaining companion to one another. If your extroversion can be domesticated enough to enjoy a well-prepared meal together, reflective conversations about your growth and life, intimate massage and nurturing, occasional solitude, or, if your introversion can be encouraged enough to enjoy an occaional evening of CW dancing, Italian cuisine, travel, and a sociable group of light-spirited friends, I will be at your side. Do you have an insatiable interest in the arts, psychology and dreams, enlightened spirituality and a love for physical tone and well-being including healthy sensual passion that is ripe for fulfillment? Then we should definitely meet and talk in whatever way is comfortable for you. I am 5'10", early 40s, 160 lbs., dark hair, blue eyes, Irish stock, witty and considerate, educated, financially stable and professionally employed, with good friends and loving family. If you relate to this, I am curious and warmly invite a reply to expand to BT Box FB120B or call ★★4702.

The Goddess Takes Care Of Parking

HIV+, 33 y.o., handsome, elitist, butch pagan fag with a well-oiled mind and articulated thoughts. 5'10", 160, br/gr, trim-bearded, balding on top, versatile sex fiend. I look for lustfully shaped thinking men with smart ass, pure soul, open heart and infected cum. We love to give deep head, comfortable in a harness as well as in a skirt. Looking to bond and share, not trying to imitate the unsuccessful hetero model of sexual and emotional monogamy. Read twice before you call. Call ★★4703.

Looking For A Lad

Whether a lover or a pal is beyond me. So... I'm open to one or both happening. I'm 24, sexy, racially-mixed, wryly charming and well-educated. I paint, make films and find myself drawn to fellows involved in creative endeavors. You are under 30, good-natured, secure and largely unimpressed with the mainstream crowd: "gay" or "straight." Call ★★4704.

Filipino Wanted

By good-looking, affectionate GWM who wants a sleep-over sex buddy who goes wild being kissed, licked, sucked, rimmed and fucked for hours. Me: 5'10", 160#, HIV-, br/br, musc./athletic build, 40s, warm and friendly. You: younger, trim, HIV-, passionate and eager for ongoing sexual exploration. No strings. Safe sex always. Call ★★4705.

Smooth & Muscular

Guys sought by good-looking Asian, 5'9", 138, for hot, casual get-togethers. Especially enjoy visual, tactile and aural sensation. Call ★★4706.

Wanted!!!

Relationship-oriented, sincere friends and playmates by a dangerously horny and hopelessly romantic guy who is ready to turn himself in for the right adventure. He's 31 years old, 6'1" tall, weights 165 lbs., is usually tan and has blond hair and blue eyes—a cute kinda guy-next-door type. You should be 20-32, have a great sense of humor and an above average sense of direction for yourself. Extra credit for smooth/slim types. If you can provide any further information regarding this investigation contact... ★★4707.

Pop Culture And Politics

Probably make strange bedfellows but I'm not so sure. This X-generation queer is looking to expand his horizons both horizontally and vertically. Currently training for a triathlon but am looking for something more than working out. Are there others who understand and practice "the personal is political," respect their own minds and bodies and worship Lynda Barry for the goddess she is? Call ★★4708.

Tall, Romantic, Homebody, Nature Lover

Seeks life partner who lives alone. Someone who is very affectionate, playful, thoughtful, supportive, generous, communicative, open-minded, optimistic, honest and not afraid of non-possessive monogamy and commitment. Someone who has a deep passion for nature, animals, plants, birds and lives or dreams of living in the country someday. I'm tall, muscular, masculine, sensual, playful, very sensitive, aware, and handsome with sexy deep blue eyes, short dark blond hair, thick moustache, warm smile, hairy chest. I have a weakness for boyishly handsome men (face hair welcome), thin to muscular, any height or age, real smooth to semi-hairy, but what's in your heart will keep us together forever. I love slow, sensual, passionate cocksucking, licking, kissing, cuddling, massage, soothing music, quiet times at home or romantic hideaways. Also hiking, gardening, nature specials, movies, bodybuilding, simple meals, holistic healing, yoga and exploring new experiences. Shy, yet articulate loners welcome. Please be candid and descriptive. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★4709.

Extra-Special GWM Seeks GAM

Very handsome GWM, 5'9", 165, brn/grn, muscular, young 40 y.o. CEO, seeks extra-special GAM under 30, who is nonsmoker, good-looking, intelligent and wants friendship. Call ★★4710.

Spanking

Thrill when you turn it over, surrender, let your beautiful butt feel, relax, burn. Looking for 20s-early-30s, attractive, trim, nice ass, bright man who wants it, or fantasizes about it. I'm 35, 5'8", 145, sexy, gym-toned, attractive, smooth, intelligent, interested in positive, character-building side of S/M. Sex, play-acting possible, but not my purpose this time. Call me if this one makes you wonder. 537 Jones, #444, SF 94102 or call ★★4711.

Queer Latino

25, 110 lbs., blk/brn, 5'3". Would like to meet other Latinos, African Americans and Italians, 18-35. Don't care about your dick size or HIV status. I'm a grad student in humanities; politically active and humorous; like to write and draw. Love music: rock to hip hop. Also enjoy romance, though sometimes won't admit it. Prefer letters to phone calls. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box FB121B or call ★★4712.

Black Men!!

It's taken some time, but I finally realize my destiny lies completely with those who see what I see when they gaze into that mirror each morning: a son of forgotten kings, a proud son of slaves. I am 28, 6', 190#, athletic, well-educated, masculine, generally considered very attractive. Looking for another African American between 25-30, about 6', who's in good shape, is very masculine and respects his people. We can just go to ballgames or start a newsletter, or maybe start a family. (This is a correction. Earlier ad had wrong PO Box!) Boxholder, PO Box 885103, SF 94188 or call ★★4713.

Attn: Walnut Creek/East Bay Men

Seeking: a mature GWM, 20-30s, interested in a friendship/relationship with a sincere GWM, 40, 5'9", 170#, br/bl, top. You should appreciate simple things in life, not be afraid to experience life outside the bar scene. You value individuality as well as time together with a special person. You're honest, not afraid to share feelings. Interested? Let's talk. Call ★★4714.

It's Just The Nearness Of You

It's not the pale moon that delights me but your warm smile that excites me at the end of day or the first thing in the morning. Romance awaits reliable, honest, communicative guy who, like me, seeks attentive, playful kissing, hugs and companionship. I am 38, 5'8", trim, HIV-, nice smile, considerate. I like bicycling, reading, movies, music, and getting to know you. No smoking, drinking please. Reply BT Box FB125B or call ★★4716.

Need A Friendship

With intimate possibilities with a man who is not a god, not young anymore, not rich, not concerned about what color you are, but who is quietly playful, respects your individuality, values trust and is willing to spend time with a good man? Inquire at PO Box 1181, Union City 94587 or call ★★4717.

Single And Available

This warm-hearted, witty, youthful, professional, Asian, 45, 5'9", is seeking to meet a similar, cleanshaven, physically active, gym-toned WM for friendship and possibly as a soulmate. Enjoy sports, "oldies but goodies" to new age music, camping, arts, travel, dancing and politics. Must have cultural awareness, wicked sense of humor and social civility. Call ★★4718.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: March 5 for March 11

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through April 25. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ **Women** ☐ **Men** ☐ **Bisexual** ☐ **Trans** ☐ **Shared Interests**

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00

☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:

____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . ____

☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . ____

☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . ____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . ____

____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . ____

Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . ____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 5

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

SF Bay Times Personals Work!

Just ask Kathy & Joyce....

San Francisco Bay Times
Letters to the Editor
288 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Editor:

It is, perhaps, no less than a miracle that we found each other through the *SF Bay Times* Personals. Our love is clearly here to stay—it's been close to three years since we met, and on July 12, 1992, we were married by our Rabbi at Temple Israel of Alameda, in the presence of over a hundred rejoicing family and friends. Neither of us expected, entering the "Personals" maze, to do more than meet one or two interesting women. And it surely was not love at first sight, but infatuation does not equal enduring love.

SF Bay Times Personals, thanks for helping destiny along. And for those wondering whether they dare try meeting someone special via an ad, we can only point to our happy outcome, and urge you to GO FOR IT—*LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL!*

In Eternal Gratitude
Kathy Teller & Joyce Nance

Current Strategies in Antiviral Therapy

With Dr. Marcus Conant and

Dr. Donald Abrams

Dr. Conant and Dr. Abrams will discuss therapeutic strategies against HIV utilizing the latest clinical data on AZT, ddC, ddI, and d4T.

Conant Foundation
Community Forum

Monday, March 1, 1993

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

University of California Medical Center,

San Francisco

Cole Hall

513 Parnassus Avenue

UCSF is directly accessible via the 6 Parnassus, 42 Masonic, and N-Judah Muni lines.

If you would like to be placed on the Conant Foundation mailing list, to receive notice of the monthly Community Forum meetings as well as current and upcoming clinical trials conducted by the Conant Clinical Trials Unit, please call **(415) 923-1333** or print your name and address below and return to:

The Conant Foundation
1635 Divisadero Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94115-3000

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address apt #

city state zip

The next Community Forum will be held Monday, April 5, 1993.

The Conant Foundation is a non-profit, public-benefit organization devoted to prevention, education, and research in HIV disease. For additional information, please call (415) 923-1333.

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